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Religious angered by Shabbat economic meeting

JOSE ROSENFELD and NEIL COHEN

THE stock market tax and other issues on the minds of businessmen, economists and government officials took center stage yesterday afternoon at a meeting called by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The meeting raised the ire of two of the religious parties, who slammed the participation of government officials in a non-emergency meeting that involved the desecration of Shabbat. United Torah Judaism and the National Religious Party said they would submit a no-confidence motion on the matter tomorrow.

Shas, however, said it would not support the no-confidence motion. Party head Aryeh Deri noted that Rabin often met with people informally on Shabbat, and that these were not official working meetings and thus none of Shas's concern.

Although no decisions were made at the meeting, the discussions will serve as a reference point for future economic policy decisions, said the prime minister's economic adviser, Ilan Plato.

The meeting was attended by the who's who of the country's business leadership and economists. Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel also participated.

According to several reports, only a minority of those present were opposed to the new stock market tax, although a majority wanted to see lower interest rates. Frenkel, however, was not ready to deliver the goods, saying the central bank will wait until it sees inflation going down before adjusting interest rates.

Participants also exchanged views on the exchange rate, with several demanding that the shekel be devalued more rapidly within the diagonal exchange rate band, in order to moderate the erosion in export profitability.

Plato noted that the meeting was intended to give Rabin a broader perspective on the economy, beyond the advice he gets from Shohat and Frenkel.

"Rabin wants to know what the marketplace thinks—what the contractors, the industrialists, the academics and the bankers think," said Plato.

Participants at the meeting included Teva President Eli Hurvitz, Koor President Benny Gaon, Africa Israel Managing Director Shlomo Grofman, Manufacturers Association President and Osem Managing Director Dan Propper, Ciel President David Wainshal, Builders Association Chairman Mordechai Yona, First International Bank Managing Director Shlomo Piotrkowski and economists Efraim Sadka, Elhanan Helfman and Eitan Sheshinski, who is also chairman of Koor.

Lautman praised the government's diplomatic achievements, but said that the whole process would be undermined if there was an economic crisis.

Hurvitz said that the biggest disaster is the return of inflation, and the government must do everything in its power to fight it. Hurvitz reportedly talked at length about the capital market saying that there cannot be economic growth if the stock market does not allow companies to raise funds to facilitate growth. The fact that companies are having difficulty raising funds is already harming their business prospects, he said.

Wainshal said that the privatization process had failed, and that it is not enough that the government adopt a policy but it must actually implement it as well. It has to show the international business community that it really means to privatize. Piotrkowski attacked the current interest rate policy saying that rates are unjustifiably high and should be lowered immediately.

him contributed to this report.



Residents of Jerusalem-area settlements march by torch light to the capital last night, to protest against a possible freeze on building in their areas. Opposition protest, Page 2.

Rabin calls for retaliation against rebels

SARAH HONG

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Friday appealed to Labor Party members to "retaliate against those who knife the party in the back."

But Foreign Minister Shimon Peres refused to join moves against rebellious faction chairman Eli Dayan, and hinted he might challenge Rabin for the party leadership in 1996.

Adding to the Dayan episode, Rabin told a gathering of new immigrant Labor Party members in Netanya on Friday that "the party ought to settle its accounts with those who betray the party."

"Those who refuse to accept party discipline and who create anarchy ought to be punished," Rabin said. "The party members should let these people have it in the primaries. They should get the message how the rest of the party feels about their conduct."

Rabin is expected to demand Dayan's removal as faction head tomorrow.

Rabin sought to recruit Peres to his anti-Dayan retribution campaign this weekend. Dayan is generally regarded as belonging to Peres's camp. But Peres refused to agree to any punitive measures against Dayan.

Instead, Peres spoke against engaging in vendettas. "Eli Dayan is not a child. He cannot be sent off to the corner. He must be given a fair and a careful hearing. I don't say that Dayan shouldn't be called to order, but responsible party leadership demands a blend of discipline and patience," Peres said.

Peres augmented the sense of looming discord with Rabin when he said on Channel One's weekend news magazine that he "has

not ruled out running for the party leadership in 1996. My commitment to accept Rabin's leadership was good only for the four years to which he was elected."

Peres also rejected complaints, sometimes heard from sources close to Rabin, that he does not do enough to help put order in the Labor Party's Knesset faction.

"I help as much as is possible and as is proper in party affairs," Peres said. "These days I am fully involved in the peace process and all my energies are dedicated to that cause. I invest no effort in anything else, unless specifically requested to do so."

Labor insiders told the Post last night that they view Peres's statement as saying the internal chaos in Labor is Rabin's problem—he was elected and he must deal with it.

Liberation of Auschwitz remembered here today

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp will be marked here today with state ceremonies at Yad Vashem and the Jerusalem International Convention Center (JICC).

A memorial ceremony will be held at Yad Vashem's Remembrance Hall at 1 p.m. It will be followed by the inauguration of the Memorial to the Deportees by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin—a freight car used to transport Jews to extermination camps, which was given to Yad Vashem by the Polish government. The car was converted into a monument by architect Moshe Safdie.

Following the ceremonies at Yad Vashem, several thousand survivors from Israel and abroad will gather at the JICC in the presence of Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss and Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein.

The survivors will inscribe their names and tattoo numbers in a special memorial book, and will receive a medal issued to mark the event.

Professor Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, chairman of the International Council of the Auschwitz Museum, will address the gathering. Recognized as one of the Righteous Among the Nations for smuggling Jews out of the Warsaw Ghetto and hiding them in the Aryan section of the city, Bartoszewski was imprisoned at Auschwitz. Today he is Poland's

ambassador to Vienna. Also attending today's ceremonies will be Russian Gen. Vasily Petrenko, the highest-ranking officer of the Red Army to liberate Auschwitz. Petrenko, 82, who has visited Israel several times, said he chose to attend the ceremonies in Jerusalem although he was invited to Poland.

Both visitors are here as guests of Yad Vashem.

Rubinstein has called on teachers in schools throughout the country to devote a special lesson today to the Holocaust. Schoolchildren have been recruited for a special drive to collect names of Holocaust victims for Yad Vashem's Pages of Testimony, and will visit old-age homes throughout the country to collect testimony.

Meanwhile, in Yugoslavia, President Zoran Lilic and five Yugoslav survivors of Auschwitz-Birkenau announced that they will attend the ceremony at the concentration camp marking the 50th anniversary of its liberation, the Tanjug news agency said on Friday.

Lilic will be accompanied by Yugoslav Foreign Minister Vlastimir Jovanovic and other government officials.

A group of five Auschwitz survivors will represent other death camp survivors of the Organization of War Veterans and the Association of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia, Tanjug said.

Hussein, Mubarak patch up relations

JON IMMANUEL and news agencies

KING Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak appeared to have reconciled yesterday, four years after relations soured during the 1990-91 Gulf crisis.

Addressing a joint press conference after 2½ hours of talks in Akaba, Hussein and Mubarak said they discussed bilateral relations and Arab-Israeli peacemaking.

"We have discussed all issues of mutual concern, especially a joint outlook for continued steps towards a just and comprehensive peace in the region," Hussein told reporters as Mubarak, standing next to him, nodded in agreement.

"Our relations will return to what they used to be in mutual cooperation and coordination," the king said, adding that he and Mubarak also agreed to "keep our contacts continuous at all levels."

Mubarak had been expected in Jordan on February 1. It was not immediately known why he chose to advance the trip, which followed talks in Cairo on Friday with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara.

It also coincided with a phone call Hussein made to Syrian President Hafez Assad on Friday to pay respects on the first anniversary of the death of his son, Basil. It was not known whether Hussein and Assad discussed politics during the call.

Seven Palestinian Authority ministers, meanwhile, will visit Jordan today to prepare for a likely summit Wednesday between King Hussein and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, which would be the first since Arafat came to Gaza, PA spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh said.

"It will be a very important meeting, as it has been delayed several times," Abu Rudeineh said.

The decision was made at the weekly PA meeting yesterday. The ministers going to Jordan include those responsible for culture, finance, health, transport, communications, justice, and education. Arafat may meet Hussein on Wednesday, Planning Minister Nabil Shaath told reporters.

Shaath said that Jordan and the PA "are close to reaching several agreements, helped by the decisions in Morocco of the Jerusalem Committee."

The committee, under the auspices of Morocco's King Hassan II, recognized the Palestinian claim to future control of Jerusalem's holy places, a source of friction with Jordan.

The PA cabinet also reviewed the Thursday talks between Arafat and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, especially Rabin's assurances on freezing settlements.

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Rabin proposes compromise on settlements

SARAH HONG

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin will present a compromise formula to the cabinet this morning under which the government will enforce a settlement freeze while establishing a ministerial committee to monitor possible exceptions.

Sources close to the premier said last night that the compromise aimed to appease Meretz, which has demanded a total settlement freeze, while also appealing to the more hawkish elements in Labor that are against freezing construction in the "Greater Jerusalem" area.

MK Avigdor Kahalani warned over the weekend that he and a number of Labor hawks will stage a rebellion against the government that "will deprive it of a majority on the Greater Jerusalem issue, and no threats against me will work this time. This is the moment of truth, and I will not back down even if I thereby end my own political career."

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer also pledged to battle in the cabinet today against the impending decision to freeze construction in settlements adjacent to Jerusalem.

Ben-Eliezer, however, did not go as far as Kahalani. "I will accept the majority decision," he stated.

Likud Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu warned that "if this fragile minority government leads the country back to the 1967 borders in Jerusalem, too, then Rabin himself will thereby cause the downfall of his own government."

Senior Labor sources argue that the most problematic issue for Rabin now is the Kahalani rebellion. If Kahalani does on the Greater Jerusalem issue what Eli Dayan did regarding the long school day, he might be joined by even more MKs than Dayan due to the sensitive nature of the issue.

The Likud has announced it is drafting all members of the opposition to participate in the no-confidence vote tomorrow on the issue of Greater Jerusalem.

The plenum this week is also due to debate a bill submitted by Likud MK Yehoshua Matza and

Labor MK Emanuel Zissman which would extend the Jerusalem municipal boundaries to include Ma'aleh Adumim and Givat Ze'ev.

It is not clear whether Kahalani will vote with the opposition. If he does, several MKs, including Zissman, Ya'acov Shefi, Dalia Itzik and Yoram Lass may side with him.

Regarding the no-confidence motion, Kahalani said yesterday that "the very least I will do is not be there to vote against it. I will not raise my hand to help plunge the knife into the very heart of the Jewish nation. That heart is Jerusalem along with its areas of natural growth, extending all the way to Gush Etzion."

"In this I am being true to the letter and spirit of the 1992 Labor platform, and I will not lie to the voters who supported us because of that platform. If the rest of the party condemns me, all I can say is that it is they who are betraying their own word and their promises and their platform."

Kahalani told the Jerusalem Post that he had "written Rabin and told him how he intends to vote on the issue, and warned him that he does not have a majority in the Knesset or in the nation to strangle Jerusalem."

In the cabinet today, Ben-Eliezer plans to dispute Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's assertion that the term Greater Jerusalem is a "literary term."

"It is far from literary, philosophical or just plain up in the air," Ben-Eliezer said. "It is a very real term. It is a matter of life and death for Jerusalem."

"This is the battle over the borders of our capital. To my mind, it is we alone who ought to decide on these borders, whether the Arabs agree or not. Woe to us, if we go by what they will agree that we have. If the government fails to see this, it is heading for collective suicide."

The entire issue, he noted, should not even be on the public agenda now.

"The Oslo Accords specifically stipulated that the matter of Jerusalem and the settlements is to be left to the end of the process," Ben-Eliezer said. "But due to a certain component in this government—Meretz—the whole thing has been made a great emotive issue right now, and the threat of a second intifada is held over our

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Rabin aide: We still want Megidish killers from PA

EVELYN GORDON

THE Prime Minister's Office does not, and never did, accept the Palestinian Authority's refusal to extradite the killers of Uri Megidish, Oded Ben-Ami, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's spokesman, said on Friday.

Ben-Ami also for the first time confirmed rumors that the alleged killers, Rajah and Amru Abu Sita, are members of the Palestinian Police.

"I unequivocally state that Israel does not in any way accept the PA's refusal to extradite the Abu Sita cousins—the murderers of Uri Megidish of Moshav Gan Or," said Ben-Ami. "The discussion between

this statement also reflected the position of the Prime Minister's Office before Friday. Due to an editing error the report published in Friday's Jerusalem Post said that Rabin had accepted the PA's refusal instead of saying merely that he did not consider the refusal a violation of the Cairo Agreement.

Ben-Ami said last night that Israel and the PA on this subject is continuing.



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More demos planned against building freeze

WOMEN banging pots and pans, opposition leaders delivering speeches of support, and yeshiva students praying for God's help are among the various activities scheduled today to protest any construction freeze in Greater Jerusalem.

The protests began last night, when — to demonstrate the proximity of Greater Jerusalem to the capital — about 1,000 people marched by torch light from Givat Ze'ev to Jerusalem, and three laser lights were beamed from Ma'aleh Adumim, Efrat and Givat Ze'ev that converged over the Old City walls.

The Women in Green have called for a protest to coincide with this morning's cabinet meeting, where settlement construc-

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tion will be discussed. The group has called for demonstrators to come equipped with "pots and pans in order to make a great noise in the streets."

At about the same time, the heads of the Greater Jerusalem Forum, a group that includes the leaders of Ma'aleh Adumim, Givat Ze'ev, Betar, Efrat and Gush Etzion, will hold a meeting outside the Prime Minister's Office. Betar local council head Moshe Leibowitz said this will allow "immediate decisions" to be made if the government decides to freeze construction.

At 11 the opposition is conven-

ing an "emergency meeting" in Ma'aleh Adumim to discuss the government decisions and its reactions to it; in the evening, a prayer gathering has been called at the Birkat Moshe Yeshiva in Ma'aleh Adumim to pray "for Ma'aleh Adumim and the country."

Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel sent a letter to his 20,000 residents on Friday saying, "If the government takes a decision that endangers Jerusalem and the residents of Greater Jerusalem, there will be strong protest action, including demonstrations. The residents are asked to prepare themselves in advance for any task. All the activity will be within the framework of the law."

Islamic Movement urges unity to fight expropriation

LEADERS of the Israeli Arab Islamic Movement have urged Palestinians to unite in the fight against expropriation of their land and the expansion of Jewish settlements in the territories.

Ibrahim Sarsur, head of the Kafr Kassem Local Council and a leading member of the fundamentalist movement, last week charged that the expansion of the settlements presents the greatest obstacle to the peace process.

"I think the call by Meretz ministers to stop the continuing process of confiscating Palestinian land proves beyond any doubt that there things going on under the surface of which they are unaware," he said.

"This is very dangerous and I

DAVID RUDGE

think all those who are defined as peace lovers in the world, Jews and Arabs, especially in Israel, must make a united stand to stop this massacre against peace."

He maintained that Israeli Arabs were the first victims of land expropriation and are continuing their fight against the government's policies.

"We have to demonstrate to protect our own land, but in the meantime, we haven't thought about holding demonstrations inside the Green Line over the confiscation of land in the occupied territories," he said.

His comments were echoed by Hussein Suleiman, spokesman

for the Forum of Israeli Arab Council Heads, which met in Safaram last week.

"We support all democratic and legitimate activities aimed at stopping the expansion of settlements in the territories. We are not involved in demonstrations there, but our demand is clear: Cease expanding the settlements," said Suleiman, head of Mash'had Local Council, near Nazareth.

The meeting also called on the government to immediately implement the recommendations of various committees to allow former residents of the villages of Ikrir and Biram to return to their homes.



Police examine the wreckage from a van-and-truck collision early Friday near Beit Shemesh; three people were killed. (Brian Hendler)

Weekend toll on roads: 6 dead

SIX people were killed and three were injured in road accidents over the weekend, bringing the total killed on the roads last week to 14.

A Herzliya couple was killed in Bat Yam last night when their car was hit as they tried to make a turn. Police say the car that struck the couple may have been speeding. The impact sent the

couple's car flying into the parking area in front of a nearby building, and three parked cars were damaged.

The couple suffered head injuries and died immediately. The driver of the other car was slightly injured and his two passengers suffered moderate injuries.

Anatoly Michinovsky, 26, of Ashdod, was killed yesterday af-

ternoon when his car hit a tree after losing control. Police suspect Michinovsky was drunk.

Three men were killed early Friday morning when the van they were driving in hit a truck head-on near the Shimon Junction, a few kilometers from Beit Shemesh. The three were Shmaya Kosover, 22, of Beit Hilkia, Avi Yifrah, 19, of Moshav Otseim, and

Shimon Cohen, 21, of Jerusalem.

The van had swerved from its lane into the path of the truck, and police suspect that the driver of the van fell asleep at the wheel. In addition to those killed last week, 45 were seriously injured, two of them pedestrians. Police suspended the licenses of at least 374 drivers for serious traffic violations.

Likud: Reveal criteria for prisoner release

SARAH HONIG

THE Likud yesterday demanded the publication of the official criteria for what it calls "the impending wholesale release of convicted terrorists."

The party warned that unless the information is made public, it will petition the High Court of Justice.

According to the party spokesman, "all our efforts thus far to discover the criteria according to which considerable numbers of terrorists are going to be released quite soon, as [Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin promised [PLO chief Yasser] Arafat last week, have come to naught."

MK David Mena (Likud) approached the Justice Ministry in an effort to find out what the ground rules of the release are and how many prisoners are going to be freed. Mena said he was given no reply.

"The fear is that the government is playing fast and loose with the personal safety of its citizens, and that among those who will be released will be terrorists with blood on their hands," Mena said.

Congress will be told when troops on Golan discussed

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

maus and Jerusalem have agreed to set aside, until later stages in their negotiations, the question of whether US forces might be deployed on the Golan under the framework of a peace settlement.

"Ross assured us that they're not going to present Congress with a fait accompli," the aide said following the closed briefing for Senate Foreign Relations Committee

staffers. He said that Ross told the group that "once they do discuss troops, then they'll come to Congress to consult with us, present what it is the two sides are discussing, to get our viewpoint."

This is the first indication of when the administration intends to bring the troops question before Congress. Those lobbying recently against a troop presence have argued that by the time the matter is presented to Congress, it will be a done deal.

US comes up with anti-terror plan

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

very vulnerable place — in their pocketbook," Christopher told an audience at Harvard University's JFK School of Government in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Christopher also called again for increased economic isolation of Iran, which he charged "directs and materially supports" Hizbullah and Hamas.

"Those industrialized nations

that continue to provide concessional credits to Iran cannot escape the consequence of their actions. They make it easier for Iran to use its resources to sponsor terrorism and to undermine the prospects for peace."

Christopher said that attaining Middle East peace is one of the United States' five primary foreign policy goals in the new year.

He called on Israel and Syria to make "critical decisions" to enable a breakthrough in their talks to occur "in the next few months."

Liba'i panel to look at rescinding citizenship

EVELYN GORDON

THE criteria for taking away someone's citizenship will be re-examined by a special committee established by Justice Minister David Liba'i on Friday.

The committee was set up in response to a problem raised by the General Security Service: A handful of Israeli citizens convicted of murder or other terrorist acts were sentenced to life in pris-

on, but then released during the 1985 Jibril exchange, in which 1,150 terrorists were set free in exchange for three Israeli soldiers held by Ahmed Jibril's group.

The GSS has received information that a few of these people, who are still working against Israel throughout the world, plan to

make use of their Israeli citizenship to return to Israel.

Under the current law, the GSS said, it is doubtful that they can be prevented from doing so, since it is not clear that their citizenship could be taken away.

According to Israel Radio, this group includes Hamas activists in the US.

Bill gives police leeway in family violence cases

EVELYN GORDON

against violent men — and especially arrests — significantly reduced the number of repeat complaints against those men.

In places where the arrest of violent husbands is mandatory, the number of repeat complaints

dropped by 67 percent to 90 percent, the MKs said.

They proposed that a policeman should be able to arrest a man without a warrant if seen committing violence against any family member, or if the police officer has "reasonable grounds" to believe such violence has been committed.

HYMIE ROSTOVSKY passed away yesterday

Deeply mourned by his wife Leonora
Children: Marion and Stanley Zinn and family
Linda and Jonathan Gordon and family
Karen and Elwyn Fluxman and family (South Africa)

The funeral will take place today, January 22, 1995 at 3:30 p.m. at Sayvon Cemetery

Kollek: Building around Jerusalem hurts peace

BILL HUTMAN

FORMER Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kolek believes the government is right in halting housing construction in settlements around Jerusalem, and says he does "not accept the term Greater Jerusalem."

"Building around Jerusalem endangers the peace process," Kolek told *The Jerusalem Post* over the weekend.

"We have a commitment to the peace process and if we keep building around Jerusalem there is the danger that the whole process will blow up," Kolek said.

The former mayor said the best way to strengthen Israel's hold on Jerusalem was to increase Jewish housing development within the present municipal boundaries.

In addition, the government must increase industrial development in the capital in order to create more jobs, Kolek said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fijian doctor found dead at Achziv

A UNITED Nations doctor from Fiji was found dead on the Achziv beach between Nahariya and Rosha Hankira yesterday morning.

The Galilee district police spokesman Benny Eliezer said there was no suspicion of foul play, but the body had been sent to the Abu Kabir forensic institute for autopsy.

The 30-year-old doctor had been taking part in a get-together of Fijian troops serving with UN forces in Lebanon and the Sinai at a youth hostel in Achziv.

Housing Ministry director-general resigns

Housing Ministry Director-General Arye Mizrahi announced his resignation on Friday. Earlier last week, Mizrahi, who served two years in the post, informed Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer of his intentions.

Golan Druse mark death of Assad's son

Hundreds of Golan Druse took part in a rally in Majdal Shams yesterday to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Basil Assad, son of Syrian President Hafez Assad, and heir apparent. Basil, 31, died in a Damascus car crash.

Bar-Ilan kept open despite haredi protest

DOZENS of haredim took to the street yesterday to demand the Shabbat closing of Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan, throwing down trash in an effort to block traffic. Police and municipal crews managed to keep the road open. No arrests were made.

Winning cards

Yesterday's Mifal Hapayis Chance draw: king of spades, queen of hearts, eight of diamonds, eight of clubs.

Labor to vote today on Histadrut coalition

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

THE Labor Party's central committee is to decide today whether the party can stay in the Histadrut coalition, on the basis of the Shahal Committee's Report for formulating Labor's policy in the Histadrut.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is not expected to call on Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon to return to the Labor Party at the meeting, although other party leaders may do so.

The central committee will have to determine whether it will torpedo the upcoming Histadrut

convention if Ram insists on abolishing most of the labor councils, which Labor sees as the underlying organizational and political structure of the Histadrut.

The Shahal Report concludes that if Ram changes the labor council structure, Labor cannot stay part of the Histadrut coalition and must fight it from the opposition. The report also rules that unless a true partnership can

be established with Ram, and an end is put to the Labor faction's humiliation by Ramon and his colleagues, Labor must quit the coalition, in which it is unable to function anyway.

Rabin said over the weekend that he desires the return of Ramon and his maverick faction members MKs Amir Peretz and Shmuel Avital to the party, but emphasized that the issue is not on the agenda now and should be dealt with after the Histadrut convention.

Banned Hebron man arrested for sneaking into Machpela Cave

HERB KEINON

HEBRON resident Eyal Noked, banned from entering the Machpela Cave, was arrested yesterday while trying to sneak into the site for prayers.

Noked was one of the administrative detainees arrested shortly after the Hebron massacre last February, but released later in the year. He is also among some 20 right-wing activists, most of them affiliated with Kach or Kahane Ha'i, whose movement in the territories have been restricted by the IDF "for reasons of preserving public order."

After Noked's arrest, dozens of Hebron's Jews went to the city's police station and demonstrated against his detention. Last night he was taken to Jerusalem's Russian Compound.

With deep sorrow I announce the passing of my beloved husband
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on Friday, January 20, 1995 (19 Shvat 5755)

The funeral was held the same day at the Eretz Mahayim Cemetery, Beit Shemesh

Mourning by his wife, Elizabeth
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(21 Shvat 5755)

at 1:30 p.m., at the New Gate of the Holon Cemetery

Condolence visits at the home of the deceased on Monday and Tuesday only, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Mourning by:
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Her nieces
Family and friends

Somalis continue to hold French aid worker hostage

NAIROBI (Reuters) - Somali kidnappers were still holding a French aid worker yesterday and aid agencies said their protest halt in non-emergency work would continue.

The French aid agency Action Internationale Contre la Faim (AICF) International Action against Hunger flatly denied that 24-year-old Rudy Marq was freed in Mogadishu on Friday after being held since December 17.

"This information comes from a rumor spread by the United Nations at Mogadishu airport and is based on no reality. Rudy Marq has been kidnapped for five weeks," it said in a statement.

Earlier, a UN spokesman said Marq was freed on Friday and was in good health. They added he was flown in a special World Food Programme flight to Kenya.

But a WFP spokeswoman, quoting colleagues in Mogadishu, said Marq was still held. WFP staff in the Somali capital said they knew nothing about the reported release, the spokeswoman added. Officials said a suspension of non-emergency operations in the Mogadishu area by aid agencies since last week would continue until Marq was released. Donors have also frozen future aid to Somalia.

"This is the second time Marq was wrongly reported released by UNDP (UN Development Programme) and UNOSOM (UN Operation in Somalia)," said an aid official. "They seem to be working at cross purposes."

"UNDP and UNOSOM jumped the gun," said another official, adding talks with the kidnappers were at a very advanced stage and it was hoped that Marq would be released at the weekend.

UN troops are pulling out of Somalia in a withdrawal to be completed by March 31. UN and aid officials believe the pullout will trigger fighting between rival factions to fill the power vacuum.

UNDP is supposed to take over from UNOSOM as the coordinator of aid operations in Somalia. But UN officials, who declined to be identified, reported some friction between UNOSOM and UNDP during the handover.

George Bennett, spokesman for the UN Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM), said he believed Marq had been released even after doubts about the reports were raised by AICF and WFP.

"My information is that he was released yesterday afternoon and flown to Nairobi yesterday evening on a flight organised by WFP. We had confirmation from our own directorate here and also from UNDP."

Marq, a logistics officer with AICF, was seized on December 17 on the road to the UN-controlled airport in Mogadishu by gunmen who demanded a ransom of up to \$52,000.

The Frenchman is held by gunmen loyal to a former Somali policeman turned businessman who demanded what he said was blood money for his son killed eight months ago and compensation for a stolen vehicle.

SOUTH Africa's odd couple have come a long way since one was a prisoner and the other a president.

But a crisis over apartheid-era indemnities for white former cabinet ministers and thousands of policemen has highlighted the strains in the forced cohabitation of President Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk, his deputy in the national unity government.

"The honeymoon may be over, but at least it lasted nine months," said Willie Breytenbach, professor of political science at Stellenbosch university.

Breytenbach, commenting on the indemnity crisis, said de Klerk's former ruling National Party (NP) was finding it increasingly difficult to jointly rule with its onetime enemies.

"The dilemma is that the parties were at war with one another from 1961, when the ANC's armed wing was formed, to 1990 when the armed struggle was suspended."

"Now they have to jointly govern...it's almost as unthinkable as Likud and the PLO ruling together in Israel," he said.

"It's a bigger dilemma for the National Party than the ANC. The ANC won the (general elections) and holds power in seven of the nine provinces."

"The National Party has to reconcile the fact that it's a political party that wants to do

well in provincial elections (in October) with the fact that it has got to share power with those with whom it was at war for 29 years," Breytenbach told Reuters.

"The roles are almost mutually exclusive and are causing cracks in the National Party's support-base," he said.

"It's a weird situation and one in which crises will always be waiting in the wings. From time-to-time there will be major differences between the parties," he said, referring to past rows between the two main parties and their other coalition partners.

Breytenbach said South Africa, trying to win foreign investment to help it rebuild from the ashes of apartheid, could not afford to send the wrong message to the world.

"The stability of the national unity government is vital for foreign investment," he said, adding despite the rhetoric he expected the administration, which in theory will rule until the 1999 general elections, to hold together.

"It's like a Lagos traffic jam - slow, messy and rowdy but it's slowly moving in the right direction."

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close to him...but the elder statesman always comes back after a while," he said.

Breytenbach said he expected the National Party, holding its first national congress since the ANC came to power after last April's historic all-race elections, to do more sabre-rattling in a bid to drum up grassroots support.

Peter Vale, a political analyst at the University of the Western Cape, said de Klerk was finding himself increasingly in Mandela's shadow, and this was harming his standing in the National Party.

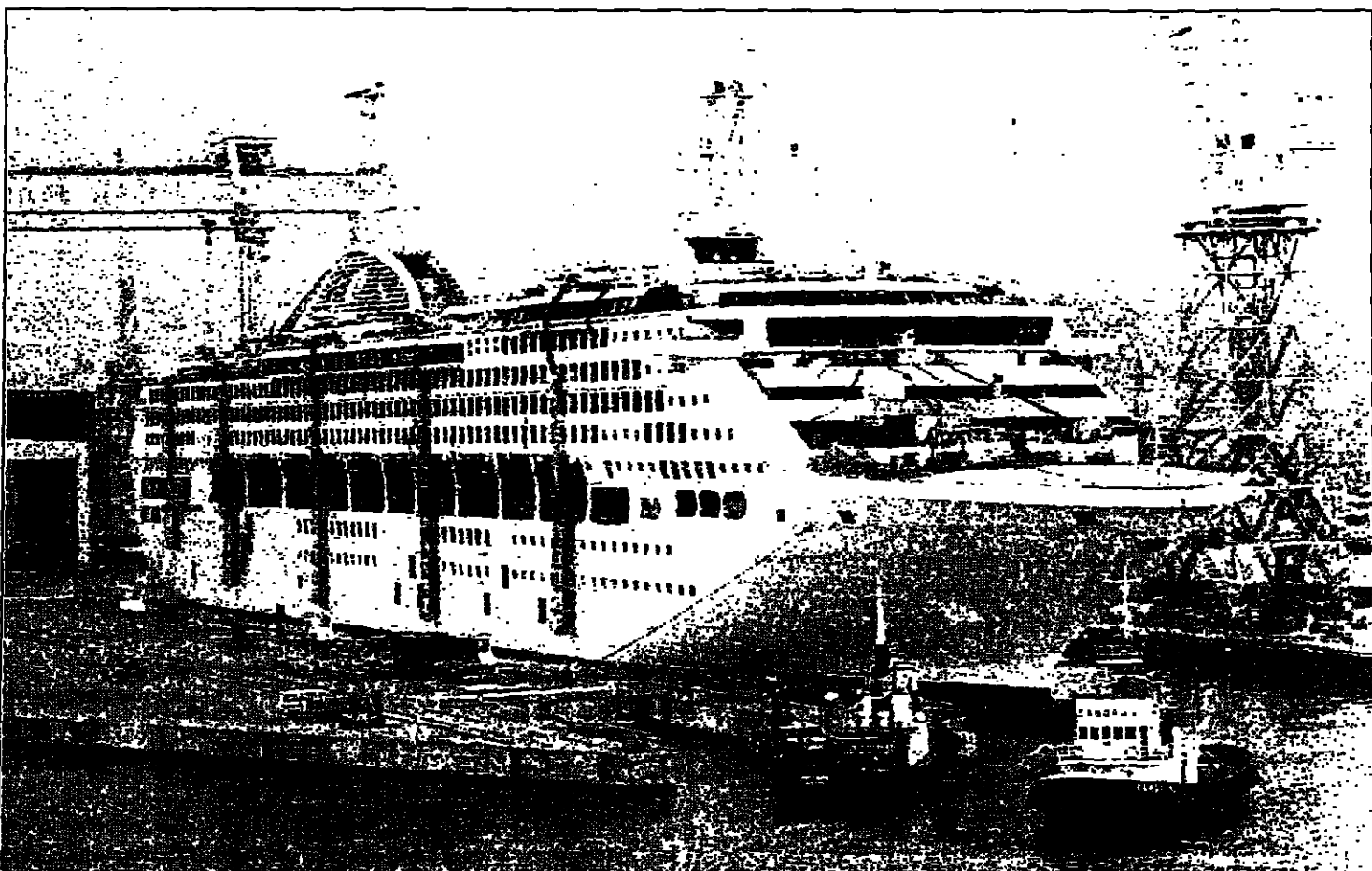
"De Klerk is aware of this and is trying to build himself up. People are quite upset that the prestige is being taken by Mandela. But the malady is much deeper."

"Whole bits of the old National Party have fallen off. The police, the military, the civil service. Everything they could always rely on. Even the right doesn't exist anymore in any articulate way. Where does the NP find itself?"

"There is a crisis of confidence in the NP. The NP is asking the first fundamental. Where are we going, what should we be doing? Maybe de Klerk is not the right person to lead us through this. Maybe there is no one who can lead us through it," Vale said.

(Reuters)

Mandela, De Klerk feel the strain



The 77,000-ton 'Sin Princess', the largest passenger liner in the world floats out of dry dock in Monfalcone, Italy yesterday. The \$300 million ship is the first of three such luxury liners and will be based in the US.

Charles' valet denies telling tales to tabloid

LONDON (AP) - Prince Charles' valet admitted meeting a newspaper reporter but denies saying that the prince committed adultery in the bushes outside his mansion, an attorney said yesterday.

Ken Stronach, who was suspended from duty after he was identified as the source of sensational tales in the *News of the World* tabloid, admitted he had taken pictures of Charles' home that were published last weekend in the Sunday tabloid and in later editions of its stablemate *The Sun*. Stronach denied receiving any money for his photos, according to a statement from Henry Boyd-Carpenter of the law firm Farrer and Co.

The statement did not say whether Stronach would keep his job, but the prince's lawyers said they had obtained a court order forbidding Stronach and his son from saying anything about the controversy.

"Disciplinary procedures will follow shortly. No breach of security has been revealed, and no police investigation will be necessary," Boyd-Carpenter said.

The lawyer said Stronach "did not recognize the statements attributed to him" in the *News of the World*, and had specifically denied saying that Charles made love to his old friend Camilla Parker Bowles outside his Gloucestershire mansion.

Heavy fighting moves outside Grozny

GROZNY (AP) - Russia's army beefed up its forces around the Chechen capital yesterday and reportedly dealt heavy artillery and air attacks on villages elsewhere in the breakaway province.

After a few hours' rare calm in the Chechen capital, Russian forces reportedly renewed harsh shelling of the city center later in the day.

Defying the odds and Russia's overwhelming military advantage, Chechen fighters clung stubbornly to positions inside the capital. President Dzhokhar Dudayev met with his commanders in a bunker just 500 meters from his former palace, the Chechens said.

"No one controls the center of Grozny," Chechen information chief Movladi Udogov told the Interfax news agency.

He said gunfights were occurring outside the badly damaged presidential palace, which the Chechens had abandoned and left for the Russians on Thursday.

Outside Grozny, the bridge on the main road used for escape the embattled city was blown up overnight, forcing refugees to pass through a stronghold of Chechen forces opposed to rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev.

It was not clear who blew up

the small bridge over an icy creek 20 km west of Grozny. There was speculation that the opposition destroyed it to force refugees to pass through their checkpoints.

For the first time in three weeks, Grozny was almost absolutely quiet yesterday morning. There were no Russian planes flying overhead in the clear, sunny sky, and the sound of heavy artillery and rocket fire was not heard.

The only sounds of war were small arms and machine-gun fire, and some mortar rounds landing near the shell of the presidential palace in the city center.

"This is a day of rest for the Russians and for us," said 26-year-old Magomet, a Chechen fighter. "We will have a rest, and after that, we will attack the Russian troops. We will beat them and drive them out of the Caucasus."

But Udogov told Interfax that a massive artillery bombardment in the afternoon was followed by missile strikes by Russian aircraft on the city center and Chechen positions along the Terek River.

He said Russian units were in control of some parts of northern and northeastern Grozny, the city's Caucasus Park and areas around the cannery, and the Motherland state farm.

The Chechens have set up tank

forces to attack the rear of Russian troops, Udogov told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Outside Grozny, battles occurred throughout the day.

There was fierce fighting in the village of Assinovskaya, near the Ingushetia border to the west of Grozny. Russian warplanes attacked Chechen rebels who had attacked Russian ground units with heavy artillery, Interfax said.

Bombing raids were also reported near the city of Urus-Martan, 20 km southwest of Grozny.

Outside Grozny, a column of at least 15 Russian army trucks, fully loaded with Grad missiles, ammunition and military equipment, headed for bases on the outskirts of the city.

The ITAR-Tass news agency said 93 trucks carrying troops, as

well as personnel carriers and armored vehicles were headed toward Grozny overnight.

Two days after the Chechens abandoned their presidential palace stronghold, Kremlin officials said the worst of the fighting in Chechnya would end soon.

But a Russian government statement said the Chechens were putting up "fanatical and stubborn resistance," including blowing themselves up when surrounded.

The Russians sent tens of thousands of troops into Chechnya on Dec. 11 to end its three-year claim to independence. Moscow officials hope to mop up pockets of resistance and restore order soon in the southern republic.

Thousands of people have been killed, including hundreds of Russian soldiers.

Bihac fighting subsides

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Fighting in the Bihac pocket in northwest Bosnia subsided yesterday but the UN reported minor violations of a three-week ceasefire, including gunfire in Sarajevo.

Two Bosnian Serbs and a government soldier were wounded late on Friday in a small-arms duel centred on the Serb-held district of Grbavica in the Bosnian capital, UN spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Coward said.

The incident began when soldiers of Bosnia's Moslem-led army opened fire on the area and the Serbs responded, he said.

Two loud explosions were heard at midnight but the district was quiet yesterday morning. The reasons behind the clash were not immediately known.

Coward said Bosnia was generally quiet with clashes easing in the Bihac pocket.

The UN reported nine explosions west of Bihac town and 55 east and southeast of Velika Kladusa, north of Bihac - fewer than one-tenth of the detonations counted on Thursday.

Despite the calm, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, head of UN forces in Bosnia, told reporters on Friday that the ceasefire process was losing momentum as the Bosnian government and Serb forces were dragging their feet over pledges made in the New Year's UN-brokered accord.

"Things are not going as rapidly as we hoped," said Rose, who ends his year-long assignment in Bosnia on January 24.

"What people are waiting for is a sign of political movement, particularly by the Bosnian Serbs, before committing to implementation procedures," he said.

Signs of fresh discord between Bosnian Croats and Moslems emerged in the southern city of Mostar, threatening the federation the two sides set up last year after some of the most ferocious fighting seen in Bosnia.

A high-level Croatian government delegation, including Prime Minister Nikica Valentic, foreign and defense ministers Mate Granic and Gojko Susak, met European Union officials helping to administer the divided city.

"This delegation shows how great is our wish to help bring about the agreements on the EU administration in Mostar, which Croatia...fully supports," Valentic told Croatian radio.

Mostar's administrator Hans Koschnick, a German appointed by the EU to try to reconcile Moslems and Croats, had accused the Croats of blocking his efforts to reunite the city.

US-China trade talks fail

BEIJING (AP) - China and the United States moved closer yesterday to a trade war as negotiators from the two sides failed to reach agreement on strengthening Chinese protection of intellectual property rights.

Although the talks, originally scheduled for Wednesday to Friday, were extended an additional day, the US Embassy said the negotiations adjourned yesterday without a resolution.

"The US and Chinese delegations are working hard to resolve differences in their positions," the embassy said. "Talks are scheduled to adjourn to allow both sides to report to their principals."

The last-ditch talks are sched-

uled to resume on Jan. 24 in Beijing, the embassy said. The US has set a Feb. 4 deadline to reach agreement before it imposes punitive tariffs on up to \$2.8 billion in Chinese goods. China has threatened sanctions in retaliation.

Ken Wasch, executive director of the Software Publishers Association, said the US delegation was neither optimistic nor pessimistic and would not make concessions just to reach an agreement.

"A bad agreement is worse than no agreement at all," said Wasch. He is one of about 10 business leaders from the US industries most affected by the piracy who are in town this week to press Chinese leaders to act.

Buddhists boycott pope in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (AP) - Buddhist leaders boycotted a meeting with Pope John Paul II yesterday, the only contentious note on what the Vatican viewed as a successful Asian tour designed to strengthen the Church in the region where it commands a minority of souls.

Hindu and Moslem representatives showed up for the meeting on the pope's last day in Asia, but Buddhists prelates stayed away to protest assertions on their religion in John Paul's best-selling book.

The pope repeatedly issued conciliatory remarks about Sri Lanka's predominant religion. But he did not meet the Buddhists' demand for an apology for what they called his offensive remarks about the Buddhist doctrine of salvation.

Departing from his prepared text, he told the Hindu and Moslem leaders: "It is important that we are together. Not being together is dangerous. Your presence is a sign of your good will for Sri Lanka and the world."

It was not the first time that representatives of other religions have boycotted the pope. Moslem leaders stayed away during a visit to Nigeria in 1982. Jewish leaders had threatened to boycott a papal meeting in Miami in 1987 after the pope met with then-Austrian President Kurt Waldheim,

who was accused of complicity in Nazi war crimes, but most showed up after talks with the Vatican.

The pope also told the religious leaders that the Church "firmly rejects proselytism and the use of unethical means to gain conversions," in an apparent response to criticism from Buddhists of the Church's conduct in Sri Lanka.

The pope went from the meeting to a Mass on the shore of the Indian Ocean where, to the blowing of conch shells and the beating of drums, he declared a 17th century Indian missionary "blessed," the final step before possible sainthood.

About 350,000 people attended the ceremony to glorify Joseph Vaz, whom the pope called the second founder of the Church in Sri Lanka. Vaz reestablished Catholicism after the Calvinist Dutch colonialists drove it to near extinction.

John Paul conducted the beatification on an altar designed by a well-known Buddhist architect.

Many of the celebrants arrived the night before, camping in the open grounds during a thunderstorm.

The 11-day swing through four nations was a test of John Paul's ability to resume traveling. He has been weakened by a slow-healing right leg and cancelled a visit to the United States in October.

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Kobe quake death toll passes 4,900 amid fears of landslides

KOBE (AP) — The death toll from Japan's deadliest quake in more than 70 years soared past 4,900 yesterday, and forecasts of heavy rains raised fears of landslides and disease among thousands of destitute survivors.

Rescuers aided by tracking dogs from France and Switzerland pulled four elderly people to safety yesterday four days after the 7.2 magnitude quake.

But more than 350 others were found dead in the rubble, and hopes were fading for the remaining 202 still listed as missing after Tuesday's quake.

Still, officials said the search would continue as long as there was the faintest hope of finding anyone alive.

"Finding the last citizens who are trapped, that's our top priority right now," city spokesman Tomoaki Watanabe said. "We're using the dogs all over trying to check every house. We're still finding people."

After widespread complaints of ineptitude, the government's relief operation was rolling in high gear yesterday, with hundreds of workers clearing debris, repairing power lines and pouring fresh asphalt on damaged streets.

Small shops, a few banks and about 100 primary and secondary

schools reopened yesterday for the first time since the quake. Electric power was restored to most parts of the city and even the traffic lights were functioning.

More than 800,000 households, however, were still without water and heat. Moreover, heavy rains — up to 70 mm — were forecast for today.

Officials feared the rains could cause landslides from the hills on the outskirts of the city and topple buildings severely damaged by the quake.

The government's Central Meteorological Agency warned that the quake had weakened ground in the hills and that landslides "may occur even with light rain."

Seiichi Sakurai, spokesman for the government relief effort, said engineers were identifying areas which would be at risk. "If people sense anything funny, we hope they'll immediately go to an evacuation shelter," he said.

Japan's Self Defense Force troops rushed tents to the city in case rains forced more people to abandon their homes. Overcrowded hospitals, which also lacked heat and running water, geared up for new patients because of fears of an influenza outbreak since virtually all of the 1.4 million Kobe residents have no



Japanese rescue workers remove another victim from the rubble of a Kobe home yesterday. (AP)

natural gas to keep warm. Yesterday was the first non-working day since the quake, and tens of thousands of residents of Osaka and other western cities took advantage of the weekend to head to Kobe to check on friends and relatives and bring them food, blankets and other supplies.

Ferries, trains and highways were jammed.

Masaru Inoue drove two days from the Tokyo suburb of Chiba to take his brother and his family out of Kobe. He found them living in their van parked along a heavily damaged street. But they refused to leave.

"We're fine, we can manage here," Inoue's sister-in-law, Shizuka Inoue, said as she rested in the van with the couple's two young daughters. "We don't want to be a burden."

About 200 others were camped out under open skies at the soccer field. Several of them were busy erecting makeshift shelters out of plastic sheets they had found in case the predicted rains came.

Another quake — with a magnitude of 6.2 — shook Japan's northern island Hokkaido yesterday but there were no reports of casualties or damage. An aftershock measuring intensity 4.1 jolted Kobe.

Elite army unit causes Canada embarrassment

TORONTO (AP) — Canada is proud of its reputation as one of the world's premier peacekeeper nations, but a series of scandals involving an elite army unit is transforming the armed forces into a national embarrassment.

The Canadian Airborne Regiment, a battalion of about 650 men who volunteer from other infantry units for two-year tours, had been rocked by a series of courts-martial resulting from the torture and killing of a civilian in Somalia.

This week, two videotapes were broadcast on Canadian television showing Airborne soldiers as cruel, racist, violent, ignorant and undisciplined.

"The elite paratroop regiment looks out of control," *The Toronto Star* wrote in an editorial Friday. "Officers seem unable, or unwilling, to enforce the most basic army discipline."

The *Globe and Mail* said the behavior of the Airborne, slated for UN duty in Croatia this spring, "shows a pattern of recklessness, racism, and unfitness that casts doubt on their training, their leadership and their fitness for sophisticated foreign operations."

Prime Minister Jean Chretien threatened to abolish the regi-

ment, created in 1968 and once the pride of the army. "If we have to dismantle it, we'll dismantle it," he told reporters. "I have no problem with that at all."

Defense Minister David Collette ordered the chief of defense staff, Gen. John de Chastelain, to prepare a full report by tomorrow.

The stain on the military comes at a time when the Chretien government is scouring the books for places to cut the budget. Defense, at \$7.7 billion, is a juicy target and Canada's role as a peacekeeper may be at stake.

The late Prime Minister Lester Pearson devised the modern concept of peacekeeping, winning the Nobel Peace Prize for his plan to separate the warring parties during the 1956 Suez crisis.

Since then, Canada has deployed peacekeepers to Cyprus, Kashmir, New Guinea, Yemen, the Congo, Namibia, Central America, Haiti, Somalia and Rwanda. The peacekeeping role has given Canada more clout in world affairs.

Next month, the 10th and final court-martial arising from the Airborne's 1992-93 stint in Somalia will be held at the regiment's headquarters in Petawawa, Ontario.

Poor Haitians build new home from torture center ruins

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AP) — Poor Haitians are digging up the bones of torture victims and turning a once-dreaded fortress prison into a place to call home.

Fort Dimanche was often the horrific final destination for its occupants. "Much blood has fallen upon this land," said Miguel Vencis, 25, holding a skull and the bullets he found lodged in it while digging the foundation of his new house.

Vencis, evicted from the nearby slum of Cite Soleil after he lost his job and couldn't pay his rent, has joined about 100 people building one-room houses walled with corrugated iron in the shadows of Fort Dimanche.

Some see their work as more than nesting. It's a mission.

"We have to take over this land to avenge the dead," said Julio Paul, 27, another squatter.

Paul, a native of the northern town of Cap-Haitien, is a founder of the new squatter community. The residents call it "Cite Demokrasi," or "Democracy City."

Thousands were executed or died of malnutrition in Fort Dimanche during the 1957-1986 dictatorships of Francois Duvalier and his son, Jean-Claude, and the squatters frequently find the bones of victims in the loose topsoil. The fortress closed permanently after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide took power in February 1991.

Building codes have never been enforced in the slums, and Port-au-Prince

authorities are meeting stiff resistance as they try to establish a zoning code.

The population of the capital has leapt from around 200,000 to more than 1 million since the 1970s, when rural peasants began to abandon their farms and settle in metropolitan shantytowns.

After the army ousted Aristide in September 1991, many in the seaside slums near Fort Dimanche moved back to the countryside, fleeing economic hardship and political repression.

They returned to Port-au-Prince after Aristide returned from exile on Oct. 15. Many were poorer than when they left the city.

An already severe housing shortage grew more desperate, and in December, squatters tried to occupy privately owned

fallow fields near the airport. They were evicted by law enforcement officers.

This week, the capital's mayor, Evans Paul, threatened to kick the squatters out of Democracy City.

"If the authorities evict us, they have to give us a place to live," said Vencis, speaking for the grass-roots Heads Together Association, which he co-founded.

About 50 men, women and children have sought shelter inside Fort Dimanche itself. They have knocked down the cell walls and pulled out the bars and are using its building blocks for their own construction.

"We want Aristide to send us an engineer," said Majeste Por-Louis, 36, a native of the southwest port of Jeremie.

In the European media, bedroom doors stay shut

THE newspaper *Bild*, the giant of Europe's tabloids, ladies out a frothy soup of topless models, bottomless scandals, horoscopes of the rich and ridiculous, disasters in all their gory glory.

The Duchess of York's sucked toes, Claudia Schiffer's insured breasts, Prince Charles' hairy chest, the headless suicide on the train tracks. *Bild* had them all in the 4.3 million copies it prints every day.

One thing *Bild* doesn't generally reveal, however, is the peccadilloes of German politicians. Its 700 reporters collect plenty of dirty linen, but *Bild* stashes it in the file cabinets — in the national interest, says senior editor Kai Diekmann.

"If you shine a light into every

corner of a politician's life, as they do in the US, no intelligent person will run for office," Diekmann said. "By withholding the information, we're helping maintain the high standards of Germany's political culture."

Anyone who has read *Bild*'s slash-and-burn attacks may take Diekmann's judiciousness with a grain of salt. *Bild* has no qualms about publishing dirt on the British royal family, for example.

But when it comes to their own political class, the news media in Germany and elsewhere in continental Europe generally follow the rule that some "character" traits are none of the public's business.

A survey by German and American professors found that

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half of German and Italian journalists polled agreed with the statement, "Journalists should not explore the private lives of public officials." That compared to 11 percent of American journalists and 17 percent of those in Britain.

The difference grows out of the deep-seated English and American concerns with morality in politics, said Thomas Patterson, a Syracuse University professor who helped conduct the study.

The French media unanimously condemned *Paris Match* for breaking a long-held taboo

against reporting on the private lives of politicians when it reported in November that President Francois Mitterrand had a 20-year-old, out-of-wedlock daughter.

Match said the woman had become a quasi-public figure, often appearing in public with her father. Mitterrand, who is 78, ill and nearing the end of his long career, didn't plan to sue under France's strict privacy laws.

His quote in *Le Monde's* headline — "So what?" — said it all. The French do not think marital fidelity has any bearing on public trust. An item that would have been tabloid fodder for weeks in Britain vanished quickly.

"Let he who is without sin cast the first stone," the newspaper *Le Figaro* said in a swipe at "Anglo-Saxon puritanism."

But despite the sneering at American and British news media, changes are evident in Europe. New private TV networks and glossy magazines, fighting for new markets, do not hesitate to bring sex into politics.

In their eagerness for exposure, some politicians will expose themselves. On *Schreibemakers Live*, a talk show on Germany's private SAT-1 network, political leaders volunteered to be hooked up to a toy lie detector and answer questions about their sexual interests.

"People are crazy for sex gossip, and the competition brings it out," said Matthias Prinz, a Hamburg libel lawyer. "There's a gentlemen's agreement not to write about (Chancellor Helmut) Kohl's sex life, for example, but when someone breaks that, watch everyone else follow."

A recent rule bender was the

flashy *Tango* magazine. In its first issue, in September, it reported that Kohl's 61-year-old wife, Hannelore, had been "deeply injured ... like many others at the time" during her flight from the Soviet army as a child in 1945.

This was widely read to mean she had been raped, although the magazine did not explicitly say that. Mrs. Kohl's aide, Michael Roik, said that was not true.

In November, *Bild* and a few other tabloids published a nude photograph of Dagmar Woehrl, a conservative member of parliament. It was taken from a 1971 film in which she and some other Bavarian youngsters frolicked sans lederhosen and dirndls.

"Will she resign?" *Bild* screamed. The question provided the justification for the photograph, but it wasn't serious. No one in Germany was shocked.

"The only dirty thing is the guy who sent copies of the videotape to *Bild*," said Lieselott Blunck, a Social Democratic opponent of Woehrl in parliament.

In Italy, land of the paparazzi, the Milan newspaper *La Voce* apologized after being attacked for running photos of Letizia Moratti, president of the state television network, with her dress hiked up in an unguarded moment at a parliamentary hearing.

The Norwegian media are even more respectful. When Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland's son died in 1992, only the tabloid *Sondag-Sondag* printed what she asked the newspapers to hush up — that her son had committed suicide. (AP)

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The promising technique, developed by a psychologist at the University of Miami's medical school, has been brought here and has already improved significantly the functioning and quality of life of several children and adults.

Dr. Bernard Brucker trained two young Jerusalem women - physiotherapist Vita Friedman and occupational therapist Yael Lopez - for six months at his biofeedback laboratory at the medical school, where he serves as rehabilitation director and assistant professor of orthopedics.

They brought the computer equipment and their expertise back with them to the Jerusalem Community Health Centers (JCHC) in the Meor Baruch quarter, making Jerusalem one of only three places in the world where Brucker's technique is now available; the other two are Miami and Rio de Janeiro.

JCHC director Esther Porush first learned of it when hometown friends on the board of the University of Miami told her about Brucker.

"My son was born with cerebral palsy, and after years of therapy his right hand was closed shut," she says. "I went to Miami, just to see, and was stunned by what I saw. I took him for three months of biofeedback treatment. He is now 24 and his hand functions well; he drives with a stick shift."

Porush told the story to the board of the JCHC, a voluntary organization which two years ago built a large new center in Rehov Tahkemoni with contributions from the Reichmann family, the United Israel Appeal of Canada and other donors.

After investigating the matter, they decided to establish a biofeedback project supervised by Brucker, who visits periodically. Fifty patients, including CP children as young as four, have already undergone treatment. Now the Defense Ministry has asked the JCHC to rehabilitate 10 quadriplegics who suffered spinal cord injuries during military service.

Once this pilot project succeeds, "we hope to become recognized as an official rehabilitation center for handicapped soldiers," says JCHC medical director Dr. David Wilensky.

Prof. Asher Or-Noy, head of the Jerusalem Community Institute for Child and Family Development who also serves on the JCHC board,



Dr. Bernard Brucker, a psychologist, treats a cerebral palsy patient with his biofeedback technique. (Yossi Cohen/Scoop 80)

adds that the Brucker technique "can help people suffering from neurological and motor problems whose damage is static and not progressive if they are willing to cooperate fully in the process."

Or-Noy is particularly watching the progress of CP children.

Brucker, who is not a physician, nevertheless has studied muscle and nerve function and his work has been reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The psychologist, who was in Jerusalem last month, explains how his technique works. "The theory was that if damage to the brain or spinal cord does not improve six months or a year after

the injury, it will never improve. But we have found this is not true. A stroke kills nerve cells in the brain, and trauma in a road accident squashes - but only rarely severs - the spinal cord. This kills some neurons, but it leaves some alive that can repair themselves and be 'taught' to transmit messages to the limbs again."

This is done using electromyography (EMG) biofeedback - a means of measuring at the muscle site the electrical potentials (signals) from the brain through the spinal cord. Brucker's team can usually determine within an hour whether there remains enough neural tissue for the learning process.

"What is required is at least some trace of

neurosignal originating in the brain and traveling through the spinal cord past the point of injury," he explains. "There doesn't have to be observable movement. If I ask a healthy person to raise his arm, he'll do it without knowing how. When you learn to ride a bicycle, the body systems automatically provide feedback on how you're doing. The brain sends motor signals, the muscle moves and the brain detects the sense of balance to close the feedback loop."

Electrodes are placed on the relevant muscles of the arms or legs to measure motor signals. These are attached to a highly sensitive computer, which gives a graphic representation of the signals from each muscle.

"Instead of working on the limb directly, we work on generating signals," Brucker explains. "This is not a matter of doing it haphazardly, but of very specifically setting up an established training routine to approximate function."

The patient looks at the screen, ignores his paralyzed or weak limb and is told to move the lines for each muscle in a certain direction. It usually happens by chance at first, but gradually the patient learns how to get the lines going in the right place.

As the patient succeeds, Brucker's team does the electronic equivalent of forcing a pole vaulter to jump higher over the bar: the baseline is raised higher, demanding more neurological effort.

After the neurological connections are reestablished, the biofeedback exercises help develop strength in atrophied muscles. "We work on increasing the signal to muscle... We don't take the place of physical or occupational therapy; we give those therapists more to work with."

Haim M., a 21-year-old Jerusalem yeshiva student, followed two friends and jumped head first into a stream in the Golan three years ago. The friends were fine, but he hit a rock and suffered paralysis at the C7 level of his spinal cord below the armpits. The function of his left arm was seriously damaged as well. He underwent rehabilitation in two hospitals, but little could be done for him.

Then he heard of JCHC's program. "There is great improvement in my hand and back," says Haim, who is confined to a wheelchair but lives alone. "I don't have the illusion of getting up and walking again, but my life now is considerably easier."

Dr. Isaac Sachs, the manager of a Jerusalem travel and tour agency, suffered a stroke four years ago that paralyzed one side of his body. He heard about the University of Miami program, where 2,500 patients have already been treated.

"I felt I had nothing to lose, as doctors told me I would never get any better," he says. "But with biofeedback, I saw significant improvement."

When the JCHC opened its program, he joined and continues to see progress after some 50 therapy sessions. Although he previously used a walker, he now gets about with a cane and hopes to walk without it.

The service is not cheap: NIS 150 for a one-time evaluation and NIS 200 per session. Macabi and some of the other health funds cover half the cost. Porush says the JCHC board is launching a fund-raising effort to provide free treatment for all those unable to pay.

Small chip comes up big in gum treatment

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

A tiny, bullet-shaped chip developed by Israeli researchers may make periodontitis bite the dust.

In this condition, which affects 25 percent of all adults in this country, the tissue that joins the teeth, gums and jawbone becomes inflamed - causing the gums to recede and, if left untreated, the teeth to loosen and fall out. But the Perio Chip, invented by researchers at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and Prof. Micha Friedman of the HU School of Pharmacy, can kill the bacteria responsible for this process and even reverse the damage if it has not gone too far.

Perio Products Ltd., located in Jerusalem's Har Hotzvim industrial park, bought the rights to the chip from Yissum, the Hebrew University's research and development arm. The company was founded in 1988 by Israel Chemicals Ltd. (67 percent of the shares), A.L. Labs in the US (18 percent), and DEG, a German-based investment bank (15 percent). The periodontal chip, says Perio Products president Stanley Fass, is its first product, but more are on the way.

The Jerusalem firm, which has 53 employees, specializes in innovative delivery systems for controlled-release pharmaceuticals.

The patented Perio Chip is a biodegradable polymer inserted into gum pockets to kill bacteria and reduce swelling that causes a rift between the gums and the

teeth. This product was introduced in Israel a few weeks ago and is now in selective approval for marketing in Europe and the US.

Perio's liquid polymer technology has also been used to develop PerioWhite for whitening teeth; PerioSense for desensitizing teeth; and PerioFresh, a long-lasting breath freshener, which are now in advanced trials.

The technology has also been adapted for developing new products for the treatment of oral candidiasis, a condition often found in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Still in the early development stages is a colonic delivery system for administering drugs via a pill directly to the colon (instead of being destroyed by the digestive system) to treat inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis - but this, says Fass, will take some time to perfect, test and receive government approval.

Perio Products is very optimistic that the Perio Chip will become an integral part of dentistry around the world, says Fass, a New York-trained chemist who settled here in 1981 and was previously Israel Chemicals Ltd.'s vice president for business development. Perio Products has invested \$12 million in the chip's development and expects to export over \$500 million worth of chips within a relatively short time. The chip is being marketed

by Chemipal Ltd. of Netanya.

The chip, made of a substance called hyco-protein, is treated with the anti-microbial agent chlorhexidine. It takes only a few seconds to be inserted, painlessly, by a dentist into a gum pocket. Weighing only 7.4 milligrams and sized four by five millimeters and 350 microns thick, it holds 2.5 milligrams of the drug.

For years, chlorhexidine has been applied by dentists to swollen, receding gums, but it quickly dissolves in saliva, making its effect minimal. More effective ways of fighting periodontitis include scaling and planing of the calculus (stone-like material on the lower part of the tooth that serves as a feeding ground for bacteria). If the deterioration of the periodontal and bone tissue has gone too far, the patient has to undergo periodontal surgery to cut the gum pockets and try to keep the tooth from falling out.

The Perio Chip, however, "is an adjunct of scaling and planing. This is not a magic bullet," notes Fass. "It kills the bacteria and can prevent tooth loss, but it doesn't promote the growth of bone that has already been destroyed."

The chip, which the dentist buys for about \$7, swells when it comes in contact with saliva and stays put between the tooth and gums. Patients can eat and brush their teeth normally. Over a week to 10 days, the chip releases

Bible of family health is now in Hebrew, adapted for Israelis

POST-HEALTH REPORTER

If you could take only one book on health to a desert island, this would be it. The *Macmillan Guide to Family Health*, published in England, is a readable compendium of knowledge about disease and its prevention.

Hebrew readers who want a translation modified to suit Israeli interests and practices will prefer *Hamadrich Livrit Hamishpaha*, recently published in Tel Aviv by Am Oved and the Defense Ministry.

The *Macmillan Guide* was edited by Dr. Tony Smith, deputy editor of the *British Medical Journal* and medical correspondent of *The Times* of London.

It was the collaborative effort of a large number of British doctors and journalists who succeeded in explaining complicated concepts in understandable terms with the help of hundreds of drawings and charts.

The Hebrew version, totaling 797 pages and priced in bookstores at only NIS 73.50, was produced "so it would be suited to conditions in Israel, to the culture of the Israeli reader, which is not always identical to that of the English reader," notes Prof. Mordechai Ravid, a senior internal-medicine specialist who was involved in the project.

"We tried to be loyal to the original, and even when we occa-

sionally disagreed with the author, we tried not to change things but put the emphasis on principles of medicine acceptable to most of the doctors in Israel."

There are excellent anatomical drawings, calorie charts, suggested exercises, first-aid advice, color photographs of skin and eye diseases, warnings on the dangers of smoking and overeating, personal questionnaires to determine the risks of physical and mental illness, proclivity to accidents and addiction, and explanations of nearly every disease.

The most unusual feature of the guide comprises 99 graphic paths through symptoms. Readers select a symptom and are led to a possible diagnosis - or a warning to rush to the doctor - by answering questions with a "yes" or "no" at each juncture.

For example, if you've been feeling rapid heartbeats, did you drink a lot of tea or coffee or smoke more than usual when the feeling began? If so, these substances can affect the heart beat temporarily. If you haven't, are you under emotional pressure? If so, rapid heartbeats can result from anxiety. If not, have you lost weight even though you haven't reduced your food intake? If so, you may suffer from a hyperactive thyroid gland. If not,

When a boss is bad for your health

Rx FOR READERS
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A new boss has taken over in my office. He's young and inexperienced but thinks he knows everything, and all of us at work get terribly angry and insulted when he treats us like children. Sometimes I can feel my blood pressure go up, and I'm literally exploding. Is there any way to relax on the job? A.R., Tel Aviv

Dr. Eli Somer, a clinical psychologist who runs Mettal, the Israel Institute for Treatment and Prevention of Stress in Haifa, replies:

There are two problems here: the organizational difficulties at work and your emotions; for these, you'll need two different solutions. First try to arrange a meeting of workers with your new boss to discuss your stresses. He may be unaware he's causing such trouble and should be eager to improve staff morale. The meeting should be free of name-calling and accusations. It would be easier if he agreed to bring in an outside organizational expert who can listen to all sides impartially.

If such a meeting is fruitless, and you think your new boss is incapable of change, you might consider leaving your workplace. But if this is impossible, your

ability to withstand pressures at work depends on your support system at home.

You must try to leave your work troubles at the office and cultivate the relationship with your "significant other" at home. This charges emotional batteries.

You should also balance work against your leisure time; try not to take your work home. Get active in sports or other leisure activities.

If you explode on the job, try to learn methods of self-relaxation. These techniques vary from prayer and meditation to guided imagery and biofeedback. Psychologists know how to teach it in a few lessons.

I have developed bags under my eyes. What causes this condition, and - apart from plastic surgery - is there any way to cure or at least minimize it? B.W., Jerusalem

Dr. Jacob Golan, director of the plastic surgery department at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, replies:

Bags develop under the eyes because with time, the body un-

No weight-loss guarantee using balloon method

HEALTH SCAN
POST-HEALTH REPORTER

INSERTING a balloon into the stomach does not lead to substantial weight loss, and is only somewhat successful in reducing hunger pangs - and even then only initially.

This is one of the conclusions of research conducted by Dr. Naomi Trosler, an expert in nutritional sciences at the Hebrew University's agriculture faculty in Rehovot.

The clinical research, carried out in cooperation with the University of Paris, involved 20 patients who had a deflated balloon with a capacity of 500 milliliters of air inserted into their stomachs and inflated.

A control group of the same number underwent the procedure for balloon insertion (involving a catheter down the esophagus, not surgery), but in fact no balloon was inserted - they only believed it had been done.

For four months, all participants were put on a special diet

and told to record information each week on their feelings of fullness, sensitivity to the presence of the balloon, how much they ate and how much weight they lost.

Those who had had a balloon inserted felt bloated and had less of an appetite, but this feeling began to diminish after the first month; after 10 weeks, they felt no different from the control group.

The balloon group felt less hungry by some 30 percent and lost a bit of weight, but by the end of the 12th week, the effect disappeared. The control group, who merely thought they had the balloon, felt just as hungry as before the experiment started.

Thus Trosler concluded the balloon treatment is not effective for weight reduction, "although it could still be a beneficial secondary factor in patients whose weight loss has already begun through other means, but has reached a plateau."

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The real demographic problem

PERHAPS the least-noticed effect of the Israel-PLO agreement is its impact on the country's demographic composition. In the year since "the handshake" the growth in the number of Arabs in Judea, Samaria and Gaza has been nothing short of stunning. The most obvious influx has been that of more than 25,000 PLO functionaries: policemen, security personnel, officials and bureaucrats, as well as former emigrants. Even PLO terrorists, released in the "Jibril exchange" of a decade ago, cannot be prevented by law from returning to their homes in Israel. But the largest number of arrivals stems from those who come as visitors, stay with their families and fail to leave.

The figure of 2.4 million Palestinians in the territories reported to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee earlier this month is almost 800,000 higher than previous estimates. The figure may be substantially exaggerated, perhaps by 300,000, for it relies on Interior Ministry statistics which routinely fail to record deaths and emigration of Arab inhabitants. Moreover, it was released for a political purpose - to scare those who wish to retain Israeli control of the territories. But even the most conservative estimates show a precipitous increase in the Arab population between the river and the sea.

These numbers are but a taste of things to come. This week the Israel-PLO-Jordan committee on the 1967 refugees will convene in Cairo to determine the immigration eligibility of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians. No matter how strict the criteria will be, once the gates are opened, it will be virtually impossible to have meaningful limitations on this massive immigration. Not only are there 800,000 Arabs who now claim to be 1967 refugees (the actual number in the Six Day War was 150,000); it will be difficult to prevent the 300,000 Palestinians expelled from Kuwait after the Gulf War - many of whom are Kuwaiti-born - from joining such a massive "return" to the Palestinian "homeland."

The reason for this massive population movement is no different from what it has been for the past hundred years. The Zionist enterprise has made this country - a sparsely populated, infested and neglected backwater until the end of the 19th century - into a fast-growing, employment-generating, economy. It has always attracted Arabs from neighboring countries.

For all the fashionable international moaning over conditions in Gaza, the fact is that thousands were infiltrating into the district when it was under Israeli control. Now, despite a decline of 25 percent in the Gaza standard of living, Arabs from Jordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Libya would still rather be there than in the

Arab countries. Their main hope is to work in Israel, where in one or two days of work they can earn more than a month's pay in Arab countries.

According to the Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz*, this situation has given birth to a vast counterfeit industry in the territories. Its main products are entry permits to Israel, international certificates, Israeli identity cards, marriage licenses and the like. Clearly, there is no way of preventing Arabs from anywhere in the Arab world from entering the territories. And once Judea and Samaria come under the exclusive control of the Palestinian Authority there will be no way of preventing massive infiltration into Israel.

This raises again the specter of the demographic problem. Those who advocate Israeli withdrawal from Judea, Samaria and Gaza have always used the demographic demon as one of their main arguments. It is one thing, they would say, to rule over 800,000 Arabs in Israel. It is quite another to have another 1.5 million Arabs or more under Israeli rule. If they become Israeli citizens, the country would soon have an Arab majority. If they are not granted the right to vote, the country will not be democratic.

But the planned removal of Israeli rule from the territories will only exacerbate the demographic problem. Not only will the projected Palestinian-ruled areas be flooded with employment-seeking multitudes; Israel itself will be overwhelmed with real and bogus relatives of Arab families, and legal and illegal Arab workers. Israeli Arabs are now one of the fastest-growing communities in the world. The uncontrolled return into the territories of former refugees - whether described as displaced persons of 1967 or 1948 - will make a population explosion among them inevitable.

To most Israelis this is precisely what the land-for-peace policies were supposed to forestall. The intifada convinced at least half the Israeli population that the two peoples should separate. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin astutely tapped this wish when he said he would rather see Gaza fall into the sea, or when he called for "total separation" following the terror week which ended with the bus bombing in Tel Aviv.

But the Oslo agreement is based on a different vision: that of a Middle Eastern Babel, in which borders and movement of people and goods will be as open and free as they are in Western Europe. To assume that such an arrangement is possible between a thriving Western economy like Israel's and those of the Arab states is to dream the impossible dream. To ignore what the influx of hundreds of thousands of Arab "refugees" will do to both the Jewish character and the democratic nature of Israel is to invite a nightmare.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JERUSALEM'S HOLY SITES

Sir, - Thank you for the excellent article by Clarence H. Wagner, "Full and free access" (January 8). He also hits the nail on the head by starting from the Johannesburg speech in which Yasser Arafat claimed to have a secret letter from the Israeli government making him "responsible for all the Christian and Islamic holy sites."

As it subsequently emerged, there had been an Israeli letter. Although it made only a vague statement about Christian and Islamic institutions in Jerusalem, Palestinian spokespeople have continued to claim that they have now been promised control over the holy sites.

It is in this context that one should see the desire of the heads of the Christian communities in Jerusalem for international guarantees for the Christian holy sites. For sure, as Wagner emphasizes, Israel's protection of the holy sites of all religions has been second to none, and a reasonable person would expect this to continue. Nevertheless, the impression has been created that the Christian holy sites have become one of the "goodies" to be shared out between Israel and the Palestinians.

According to my information, two versions of the demand for international guarantees are circulating verbally, one very sweeping and one relatively modest. The sweeping one is a demand for the local Christian communities to acquire an extra-territorial status. However, it is unreasonable to expect that any Israeli government would be impressed by such a demand from what are only a few thousand people in a city of half a million.

The modest version, on the other hand, deserves consideration. It is the suggestion that the Christian holy sites should receive international guarantees of availability to all Christians, just as certain important waterways, specifically the Dardanelles and the Suez Canal, are guaranteed availability to all shipping.

This suggestion has various merits. On the one hand, it does not

detract from Israel's claim to sovereignty in Jerusalem, any more than those other guarantees detract from Turkish or Egyptian sovereignty. On the other, it emphasizes that this is not a claim on behalf of a few thousand local residents, but on behalf of worldwide religious communities. Above all, it takes the whole issue of the holy sites out of the uncertain arena of the peace process.

It might be that a similar proposal could defuse the anxieties surrounding the Temple Mount, in which the worldwide communities of both Judaism and Islam have a stake. After all, quite a number of Moslems, including Palestinian Moslems, have already stated that the Islamic interest in holy sites in Jerusalem should not be made a private Palestinian affair.

M. LOWE
Jerusalem.

W.H.O. CODE

Sir, - A full-page ad in *The Jerusalem Post* of January 11 promises us a special food festival at one of our supermarket chains, a range of famous and delicious foods to be available to us impoverished Israelis who do not get enough junk food. Readers may not be aware that the Nestle Company is boycotted by infant health activists in the Western world because of its violation of the World Health Organization Code on the Marketing of Infant Formula (1981).

Israel is a signatory to the WHO Code. Israel's Ministry of Health does not recognize breastfeeding support organizations such as ours and La Leche. Hospitals and public health clinics, while refusing to display posters of these support organizations, allow the advertising and distribution of samples of alternative milks. And the only English-language newspaper publishes an ad about a festival of foods produced by a company which continues to violate the Code.

WENDY BLUMFIELD,
Israel Childbirth Education Center
Haifa.

GREAT PAPER

Sir, - Enough of the complaints by leftist intelligentsia that the *Post* is an inferior paper. During the five months I have been in Israel, I have read it every day and believe that the paper improved from what it was 11 years ago (the last time I read it for an extended period). Also I am quite amazed that the *Post* is able to produce what it does on a daily basis.

Though the number of pages is small (yet 50 percent more than in 1983), it takes me longer to get through the *Post* than those big daily papers back in the States which, in any event, are filled with advertisements and news of murders, rapes and plunders I don't care to read about. The articles are interesting, well condensed into the short space which exists, and deal with subjects I care about. The editorials, although sometimes predictable, provide refreshing context and common sense as well as a kernel of strategic vision I don't read elsewhere. I am sure that if one actually studies the *Post*, one will realize there is a fair distribution of leftist and rightist opinion. Finally, I am now able to read the *Post* alongside the Hebrew papers and am happy to realize that the essence (if not quite the detail) of what is in the Hebrew press is also in the *Post*.

I will miss the *Post* when I leave in a few weeks.

IVAN CIMENT
Jerusalem.

ENGLISH POETRY

Sir, - Once more this year, I would like to ask *Post* readers of all backgrounds to send their poetry to *Voices Israel*, the country's only all-poetry periodical in English.

Please send up to four original poems in English, preferably under 40 lines apiece, to the following address, by March 1: P.O.B. 5780, Herzliya. Keep copies; we acknowledge poems but we do not return even those we reject.

The poems don't absolutely need to concern timely issues.

MARK L. LEVINSON,
Voices Israel
Herzliya.



A question of priorities

THERE'S yet another memorial at Yad Vashem.

Today, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, Prime Minister Rabin will dedicate an original Polish railroad car used by the Nazis for transporting Jews to concentration camps in memory of the deportees.

But do we need it? Some 20 other monuments already stand at Yad Vashem. They include memorials to:

The children;
The four women who struggled dynamite out of Auschwitz;
The Mengele twins;
The partisan fighters;
The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising;
Victims in the camps;
Janusz Korczak and his children;
The unknown Righteous Gentiles;
The community of Lvov;
The Jews who fought against the Nazis;
The 5,000 Jewish communities destroyed.

And, of course, there is the Hall of Remembrance, the central memorial point at Yad Vashem.

Should our main focus continue to be on memorials and mourning?

It isn't that the Holocaust shouldn't be remembered with tangible monuments, be they statues, plaques, sculptures or memorial halls. These serve a valuable educational function, helping to transmit the memory and lessons of the Holocaust to this, and future, generations.

But how many are necessary? And how much money should be spent on building new monuments, when Yad Vashem itself is a memorial to the victims of the Holocaust?

What about the living memorials?

THERE ARE today some 300,000 Holocaust survivors in

POSTSCRIPTS

NOMINATED FOR a City Council seat against her will, Elaine Price waged a campaign against herself - successfully. She lost.

"I put up signs, 'Don't vote for Elaine Price.' I told everyone who came in [her store], 'Don't vote for me,'" said Price, a liquor store owner who lives in Coffman Cove, population 243, on southeast Alaska's Prince of Wales Island.

Her problem began when no one filed for the council seat, and none of the write-in candidates received the necessary 40 percent of the vote.

Caroline Hodges just missed. She got 14 votes, or 38 percent. Five voters wrote in Price's name. Under city law, the top two vote-getters, willing or not, have a runoff.

That left Price steamed. "I felt like I had a right to say whether I wanted to be a candidate," Price said.

Not really, said the state attorney general's office, which instructed the city clerk to keep Price's name on the ballot.

In the runoff, Hodges received 20 votes, Price three.

WE WERE amazed to see a huge sign near Tel Aviv, promoting free Pepsi-Cola for customers of a gas station. Maybe it got lost somewhere in translation, but in English it would have read: "GET GAS - DRINK PEPSI."

ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

this country. Two-thirds of them are between the ages of 65 and 80. Another 100,000 are between 55 and 65.

With life expectancy lengthening, many of these last witnesses are expected to live another 20 or 30 years. Many are in desperate need of help, both to alleviate general problems of aging, and for the particular problems faced

As yet another monument to Holocaust victims is unveiled, many of those it honors are being neglected

by survivors. As they age, their needs will only increase.

Granted, it's not as attractive to give money for therapy sessions or social club activities as it is to have a monument with a plaque bearing your name.

While it is far easier to raise funds if the payoff is donor recognition - and the railroad car memorial was privately funded - it's hard to escape the irony that the people who are ostensibly being honored are in fact being neglected.

Can't the government and the Jewish community help them?

The main organization that aids survivors and their children is Amcha - the National Israeli Center for Psychosocial Support of Survivors of the Holocaust and the Second Generation.

Amcha provides survivors with therapy, workshops and programs to help them cope with their memories of the Holocaust, enabling them to live out their years with dignity.

Last year, Amcha's caseload began increasing to 32,000 treat-

ment hours, way over the 27,000 hours for which the organization had budgeted.

It was too much for Amcha to handle. The organization had to tell survivors who came looking for help: Sorry, we're full up. We can't help you.

Where, then, should a survivor turn? To a memorial? Will the railroad car being unveiled today help a needy survivor cope with the problems of everyday life, exacerbated by flashbacks of tragic memory?

Most survivors aren't rich, despite reparations from Germany. Moreover, as many of them age, earlier, long-repressed memories begin to surface, increasing the survivors' need for real help.

And so we are faced with a situation in which the last living victims of the Holocaust are growing older, poorer and needier by the year.

"We don't know what the 50th anniversary remembrances will do to survivors," says John Lemberger, Amcha's executive director. "It's fraught with possible triggers that will bring many people to our door."

"We don't want to have to tell survivors: 'When you come to the realization that you need therapy and a listening ear, you won't receive any treatment.'"

Last year, the Education Ministry gave NIS 18 million to Yad Vashem, about two-thirds of their operating budget. The Health Ministry, in contrast, gave NIS 580,000 to Amcha - about 12 percent of its budget. This year's grant has been raised by a mere NIS 20,000.

Today's ceremony memorializes deported and exterminated Jews with yet another monument.

Perhaps Prime Minister Rabin should spare a thought for the living.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff

Spooky statues

AMY E. SCHWARTZ

AS news-watchers pondered the latest upheavals in the Russian republic recently, the ghosts of previous panoplys returned to haunt the Dillon Ripley International Center under Washington's Smithsonian Institution.

Visitors strolling the length of the spacious underground gallery could see the long line of banners hanging from the ceiling with gently flapping likenesses of Lenin. Underneath, the same shapes hung upside down.

Fifty upside-down faux-marble busts of Stalin form the tongue-in-cheek cases of an exhibit both flippant and spooky, entitled "Monumental Propaganda." Traveling on a tour that has included New York and Moscow, "Monumental Propaganda" is meditation on a classically post-

Dissident artists' 'remaking' of history provokes mirth - and scares you silly

Soviet subject that's also a pressing theme in the politics of every day: What to do with the past when present philosophy changes.

The exhibit showcases 50 artists' ideas as to what the nations of the former Soviet Union should do with their bountiful harvest of old statues of Lenin, Marx, Stalin and the New Soviet Man and Woman.

The ideas are mostly humorous: statues of the dictator with "interactive video screen dots" where the face should be, suitable for minute-to-minute updating; mockups of Lenin's tomb with "Leninism" running in neon along the outside.

But the point is serious. Vitaly Komar and Alexander Melamid, the two ex-dissident curators, lived through the years when the Soviet system demonstrated to them over and over again the official view that "history is clay" - the Stalin statues removed when Khrushchev came to power, the Khrushchev statues taken down by Brezhnev, the final onslaught of cranes and wrecking balls when perestroika eventually followed Brezhnev.

Now, Komar and Melamid say in the catalog, "It's time for artists to reclaim the government's imitations and remake history ourselves" - by somehow preserving both the statues and the memories of the great "moment of demolition."

Some of the efforts to preserve that memory are arresting, filled with emotions you imagine the artists themselves felt as they watched the hated monuments of their childhood torn down by willing hands. They didn't watch this in person, as it happened, but from New York via TV.

KOMAR AND Melamid didn't build any of the notions they collected, and the show, composed as it is mostly of architects' drafts and scrawled explanations, is more interesting to think about than to walk through. Still, the ideas are piquant enough to rise off the page and, despite the jokes, to scare the viewer silly.

It's not so easy to get rid of the physical structures of a system, no matter how resoundingly that system fell.

I once heard a resident of Leipzig tell of her chilling memories of the night Soviet authorities dismantled the 1,000-year-old cathedral in the city square.

Citizens crowded around all night in disbelief, she said; for hours they watched the methodical destruction, kept at a distance by guards with dogs.

With such scenes repeated over and over in Russia's past, it's no surprise that Komar and Melamid peg this ambition to alter the past as "the great illusion of Russian culture."

But alas, the illusion isn't limited to Russia. What culture, what person with power, isn't tugged from time to time by the temptation?

Maybe that's why the guest book, uniquely in the experience of curator Susan Arshack, has filled up with an even mixture of rave reviews, further suggestions for other ways of disposing of the old monuments and - interspersed throughout - annoyed suggestions that this kind of thing is nothing to laugh at.

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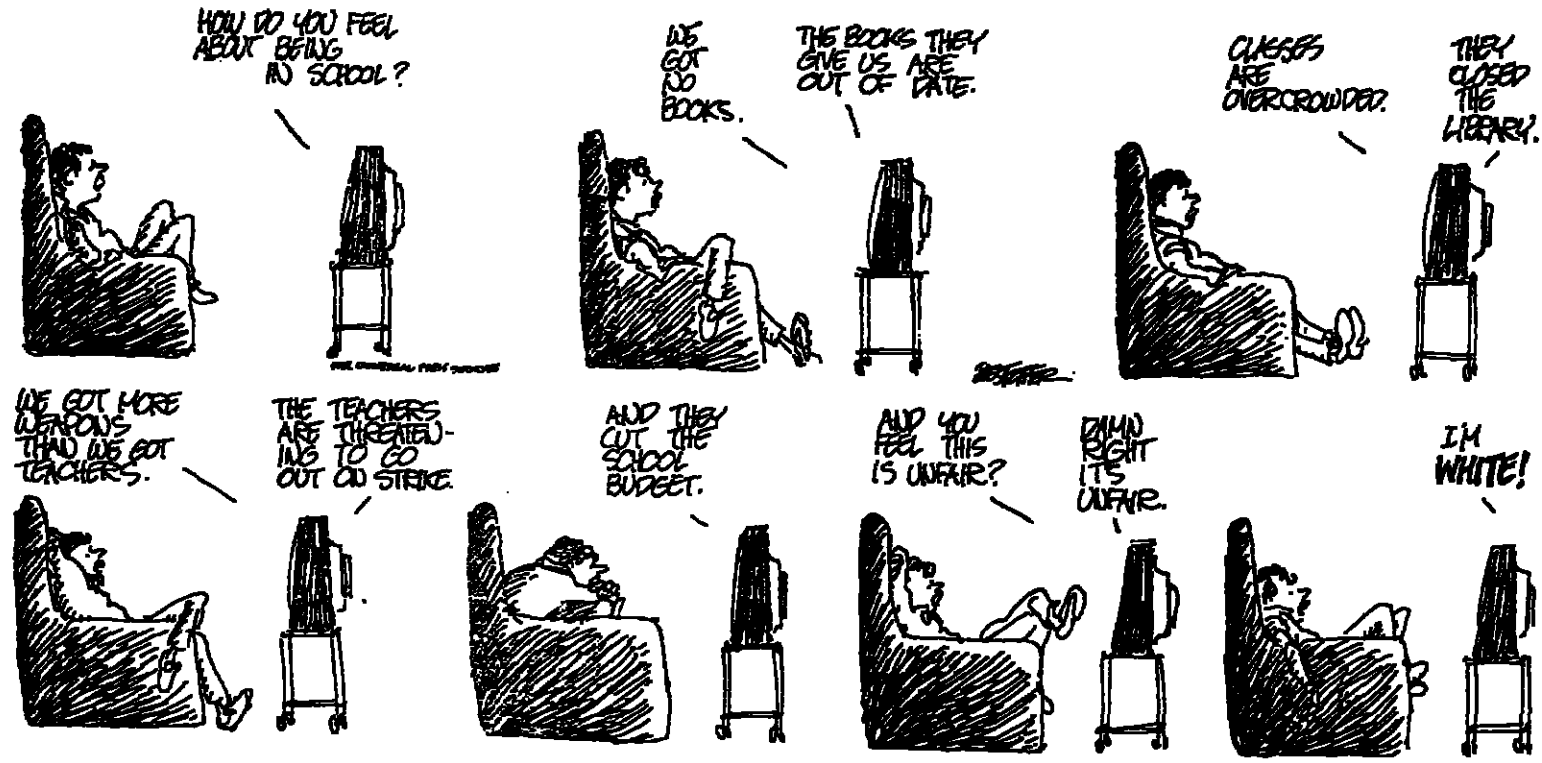
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Downpour of Media Cliches Threatens to Flood Nation

We interrupt this newspaper for a special bulletin! A media flood warning is now in effect for the entire United States.

A torrential January storm continues to dump large quantities of media cliches on the American public. And the floodwaters are still rising. Extreme caution is advised.

But there's nothing natural about the current downpour of political cliches. In recent years a lot of work has gone into seeding the clouds. The new speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, has described his goal as "reshaping the entire nation through the news media."

You can assume that the media climate is backing up the sewers when the same cliché appears on the covers of the country's two biggest newsweeklies. That's what happened with the Jan. 9 editions of *Time* magazine ("Exclusive: How Gingrich plans to pull off his revolution") and *Newsweek* ("Gingrich's Revolution").

Which brings us to the most popular — and possibly weirdest — media cliché of the year so far:

Department — spending \$270 billion this year on the military (almost as much as the amount spent by the rest of the world combined). President Clinton has urged a hefty increase, and the new GOP majority in Congress wants to hike the department's budget even more.

A rarely mentioned fact is that the Pentagon purchases two-thirds of the U.S. government's goods and services. And it issues 70 percent of all federal paychecks.

But when was the last time you heard a media outlet mention the Pentagon in a discussion of deplorable "big government"?

And when was the last time you saw a tough national news report on the F-22 fighter jet, which moves forward even though the General Accounting Office concluded that it is now unneeded and should be put off? The jets are to be assembled by Lockheed, adjacent to Gingrich's congressional district in Georgia.

"Middle class" This one is an old standby, but it has gained renewed currency in recent weeks as the Republican

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"Revolution" The news media can't seem to stop using the word "revolution" to describe the activities of Gingrich and fellow Republicans. During the first 10 days of this year, our Nexis computer search found, U.S. newspapers used "revolution" in over 270 articles while reporting on Gingrich.

No longer able to utilize the worn-out description of Gingrich as a "bomb-throwing backbencher," the news media now insist that he is leading a "revolution."

If the Republicans are igniting a "revolution," it must be the first one in world history aimed at giving the entrenched interests that run the country still more entrenched power. Since when is it a "revolution" to try to make things even more cushy for the wealthy and powerful, while making the rest of us even more vulnerable to their prerogatives? If the GOP agenda on Capitol Hill is to be defined as "revolution," then the firebrand revolutionaries of earlier eras have included King George III, Jefferson Davis and Ronald Reagan.

"Big government" We keep being told that the Republicans are sworn foes of "big government," determined to downsize and eliminate federal bureaucracies. Our computerized search found references to Gingrich and "big government" in 61 newspaper articles during the first 10 days of January.

But news reports on "big government" virtually ignore the most costly and wasteful federal bureaucracy — the Defense

and Democratic parties battle to don the mantle of champion for the "middle class." But who, precisely, is part of the middle class?

To hear many politicians — and journalists — tell it, the "middle class" is just about anyone who isn't below the official poverty line and doesn't qualify as a millionaire.

Reporting from Southern California in 1993, under the headline "GOP Blitz Against Budget Puts Democrats on Defensive," *The New York Times* explained on its front page that President Clinton was not offering much to "people earning more than \$115,000, which is middle class in this high-cost region." Six figures a year, and part of the beleaguered middle class.

"Reform" Of all the cosmetic buzzwords applied by American journalists and pundits, none is more opaque than "reform." It means, simply, a favorable gloss for any change of government policy in any direction — even if it involves the undoing of genuine reforms.

Our forecast for this political season calls for continued rhetorical downpours, heavy at times, with only occasional periods of clarity.

But don't despair — and don't worry about carrying a rhetoric-proof umbrella. Once you decode the main cliches, the torrents of media blather will roll off you like water off a duck's back.

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Michael Ventura

Year of the Gump, Year of the Newt

"You know the thing about Forrest Gump?" a friend said. "He always does what he's told." I wished I'd put that in my review, for doing what you're told is what the Gump craze is all about. Doing what he's told is Gump's motivation, as they used to say at the Actor's Studio, for getting from one situation, one stage of the story, to another. He's a protagonist unlike any other in that he's completely without any motivation of his own. He originates nothing. He doesn't move from A to B unless somebody tells him to — run, go to Nam, make a speech, fish for shrimp, eat candy. He believes any nonsense that's presented, and acts on it. Do what you're told, don't question, don't think, be agreeable, and it will all turn out just fine. The End.

1994, the Year of the Gump. Americans found a hero in a character with no will of his own — to cushion their surrender to men who are all will: Newt Gingrich, Rush Limbaugh — names composed of strange, sticky syllables eerily like "Forrest Gump." In 1994, life became more and more like a box of chocolates: made of sickening ingredients (gobble enough and you'll see just how sickening), packaged for profit, and marketed as enter-entertainment. With ruthless logic and unstoppable momentum, the Year of the Gump became the Year of the Newt. Everyone knows the story, and it's been verified by the most thorough journalists: that Newt Gingrich divorced his wife while she lay in a hospital with cancer. Anyone who knows cancer knows that at the stage where you're still recovering from treatment, nobody can tell if you're cured. It takes months or years to know if the cancer has been

defeated. So he abandoned the woman while she was facing death.

I don't mean to make a martyr of her — she did marry him, after all. To respect her is to hold her responsible for her choice. But cancer is cancer, vows are vows, and he chose her too. He must have wanted to end for some time, but didn't have the courage while she was strong — yet had the nerve to leave when she was most helpless. And it took nerve: Most would be too overcome by guilt to leave then, though many might want to. That's the thing about Newt: he doesn't have courage, at least not very deeply, but he has nerve. The now-unfashionable Hemingway defined courage for all time: grace under fire. Nerve, by contrast, is merely a kind of hyper-instinct for pressing one's advantage, a cunning intuition for opportunism. Like courage, nerve is decisive; unlike courage, it has no moral core (so it's not susceptible to guilt). Like courage, nerve gets results; unlike courage, it is flatulent in victory and whiny (like Oliver North and Michael Huffington) in defeat.

Not so long ago a man with a past like Newt's couldn't run for public office. The word would have been: "If he can abandon the mother of his children when she's facing death, how can he be trusted?" Yet now, somehow, the story works for Newt, helps make him the people's choice. I suspect that's because of the contrast with Bill Clinton. Hillary is stronger, smarter, tougher than Bill; plays upon his guilts as upon a piano; and is willing to sacrifice her integrity as a wife for the sake of whatever powers invested in him that can be delegated to her. Newt's ruthless abandonment is

seen in contrast to Bill's boyish submissiveness. Both are revolting, but a people identifying with Forrest Gump can't follow the orders of someone who doesn't give any.

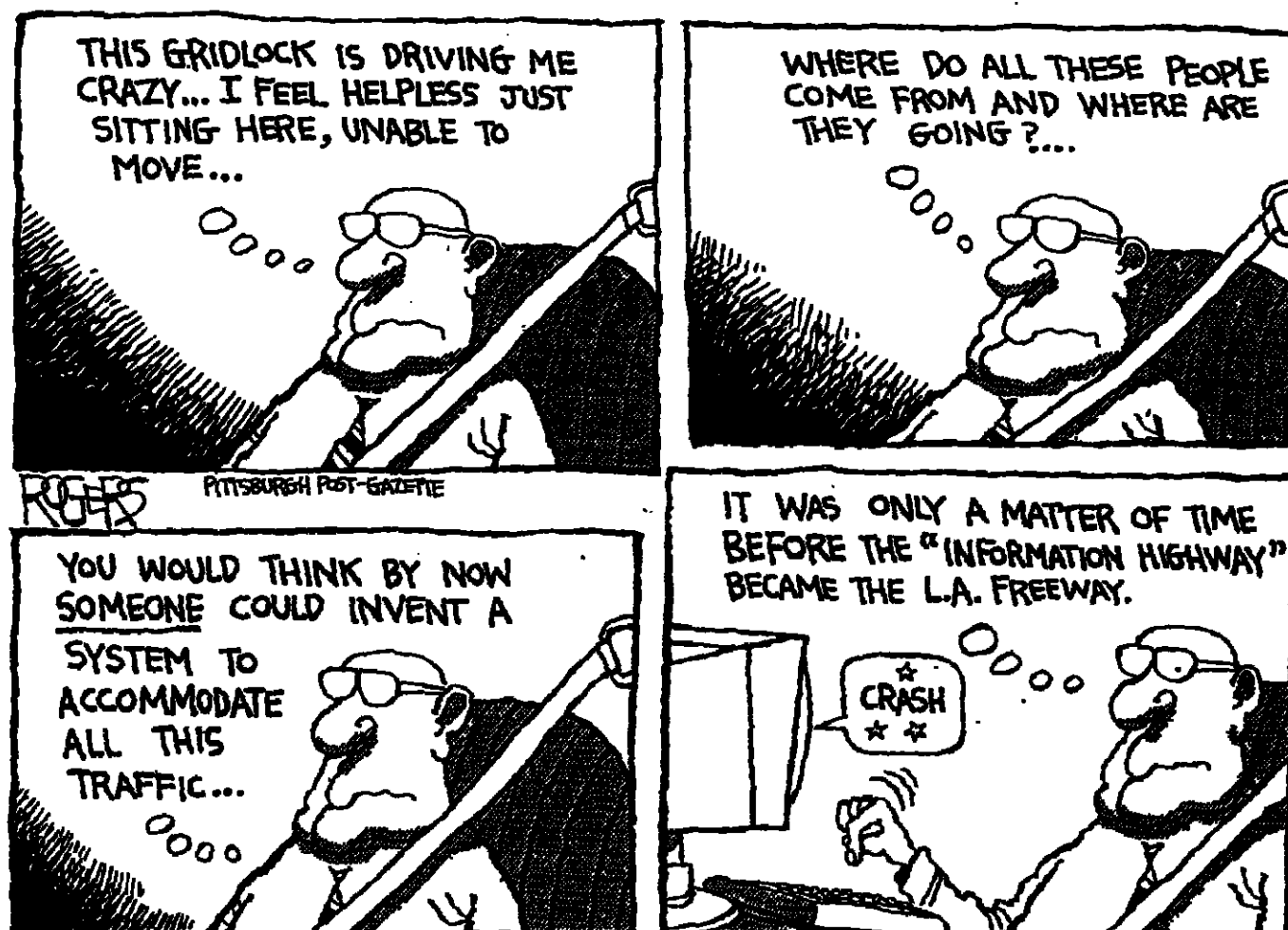
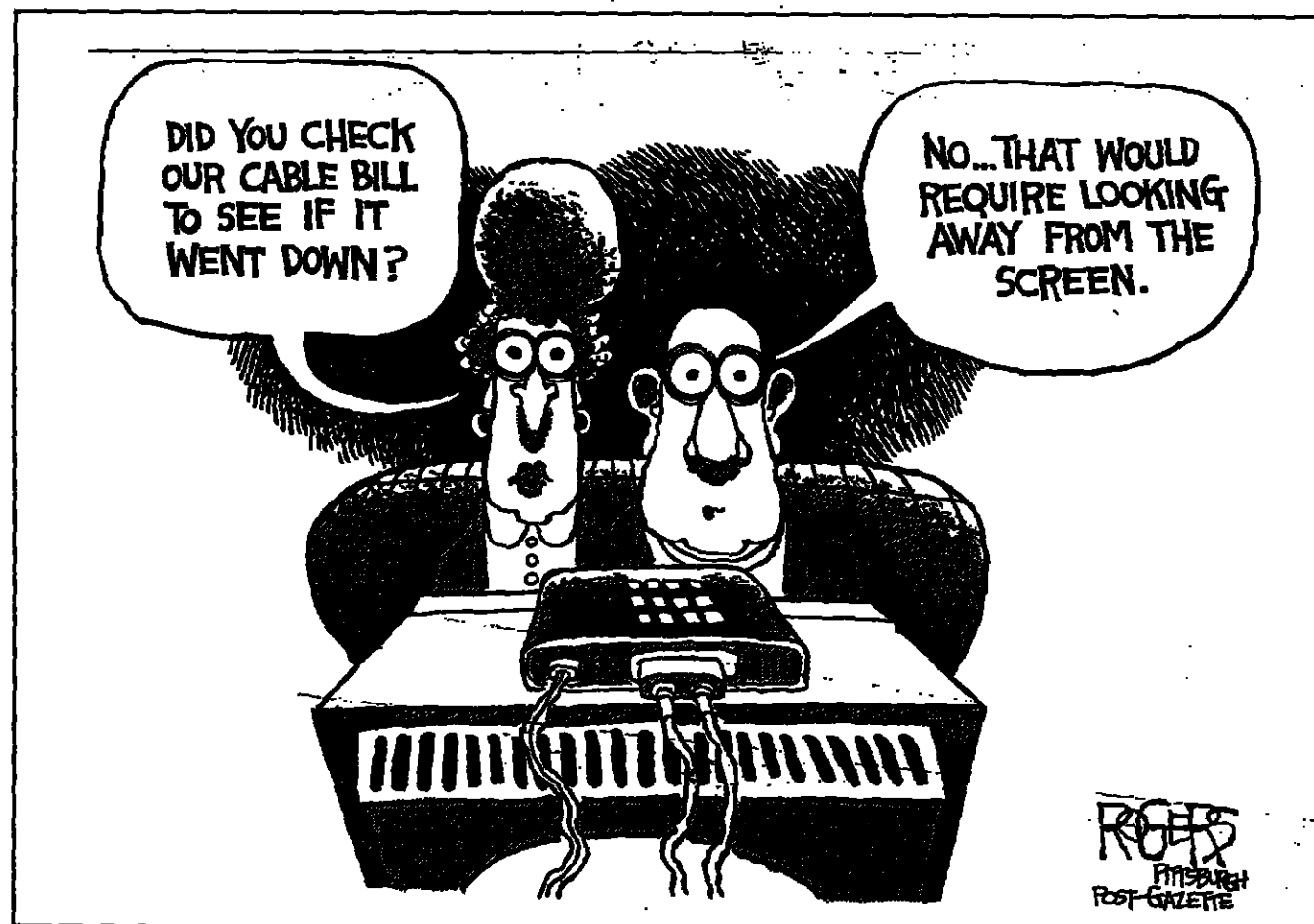
Between Bill and Newt, Gump will choose Newt every time. Bill is given to abstractions, Newt is definite. Imagine Forrest Gump faced with an abstraction? He'd go out of his mind, if he had one. Or rather, like the American people when faced with an abstraction, he'd get mighty impatient, fidgety; he'd want to change the channel; he'd want something definite — no matter if it's right or wrong, moral or amoral, so long as it's definite. If it's definite, it can't be all bad, is the American response.

(Gump, by the way, has something else in common with too many of us: he doesn't have emotions, he has reactions. A genuine feeling tends to move you toward unmapped territory, toward uncertainties; reactions masquerading as feelings trap you in your certainties. There is falseness in certainty, for to be certain one must exclude all paradoxes that threaten the secure boundaries of the certainty. Certainty is defined by boundaries — like lines drawn on a map that may make sense politically but make no difference geologically to the land the line is drawn upon. Part of Gump's appeal is that, though he has no motivation, he is never uncertain — any whim can draw its silly line upon his topography. The Gump outlook pervading turn-of-the-millennium America is eager to latch onto anything sounding certain, supplied by almost anyone.

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Justice Thomas
Criticizes "Thinking"

Justice Clarence Thomas, who almost never asks questions from the bench, has now begun to make speeches questioning how our "elite law schools" are educating America's future lawyers. His primary complaint is that law schools like Harvard, Yale, Stanford and Chicago are teaching its students how to think about legal issues rather than merely how to apply the existing law to the facts.

such as the right to die, and other cutting-edge issues designed to keep the students in touch with contemporary problems. The "fancy theories" we assign our students include those of Aristotle, Hume, Bentham, Mill and Holmes. We have read some judicial opinions written by Justice Clarence Thomas.

Justice Thomas is, of course, correct that the elite law schools do encourage their

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Thomas singled out a course offered at Harvard for special criticism as being part of "out-of-touch curricula." The course that is the special object of Thomas' wrath is entitled *Thinking About Thinking*, and is co-taught by three senior Harvard professors, one from the sciences, one from philosophy and one from law. The scientist is the world-renowned paleontologist and author Stephen Jay Gould. The philosopher is the former chairman of the Harvard philosophy department and award-winning writer Robert Nozick. And I am the law professor.

Not surprisingly, Thomas got his facts wrong. *Thinking About Thinking* is a university-wide course open to all students. It is designated "Philosophy 192," since it is offered under the auspices of that department. It is not a law school course, though it is — like most university offerings — open to law school students. I say it is not surprising that Justice Thomas got his facts wrong, since he boasts about not reading newspapers or keeping current on events outside of the Supreme Court. He apparently gets his "news" from the right-wing publications he reads and from his friend Rush Limbaugh. He is not really one to criticize others for being "out-of-touch."

Thinking About Thinking is very popular among the students, attracting several hundred every year. It is also among the most rigorous and demanding in the university, requiring thousands of pages of difficult reading, a midterm, a final and a paper. Students must weekly attend two hours of lectures and two hours of "section," where they analyze the differences and similarities among how scientists, philosophers and lawyers think about a range of issues. These include the rules of evidence in the difficult disciplines, methods of calculating cost and benefits, as well as substantive topics

students to think for themselves — horror of horrors! We also provide our students the tools with which to do more than simply "apply" the settled law to "the facts." The "Common Law" is always in a state of flux, and lawyers who simply accept the existing law as "settled" may be diserving the interests of their clients as well of society at large. We also teach our students that "facts" do not simply emerge from on high. It is the role of the lawyer to think about how to marshal "the facts" in a way favorable to his or her client's best interest. It is instructive for students to contrast the fact-finding process of the law with scientific and philosophical methods of evaluating data.

Justice Thomas might not understand all this, since his career at the bar was extremely limited. Nor, apparently, did he appreciate the excellent legal education available at Yale Law School, which is reputed to teach more "fancy theory" than any other law school in the country. I am surprised, however, that his own experiences in the confirmation process did not educate him better about the importance of thinking about how "facts" are found.

The reality is that lawyers must be educated broadly not only because the law is always changing, but because lawyers serve in many important capacities beyond the representation of clients. Our students become presidents, senators, congressmen, business leaders, professors — even Supreme Court justices. They must be prepared to be creative in these roles as well as in their traditional roles as advocates. I can understand why a justice of Thomas' limited background would prefer a legal profession bereft of critical thinkers capable of responding to the tough, analytical questions posed by some of his Supreme Court colleagues. But the elite law schools of this nation — an ever-broadening category — will continue to educate our students to think for themselves and to prepare for practice in an ever-changing world.

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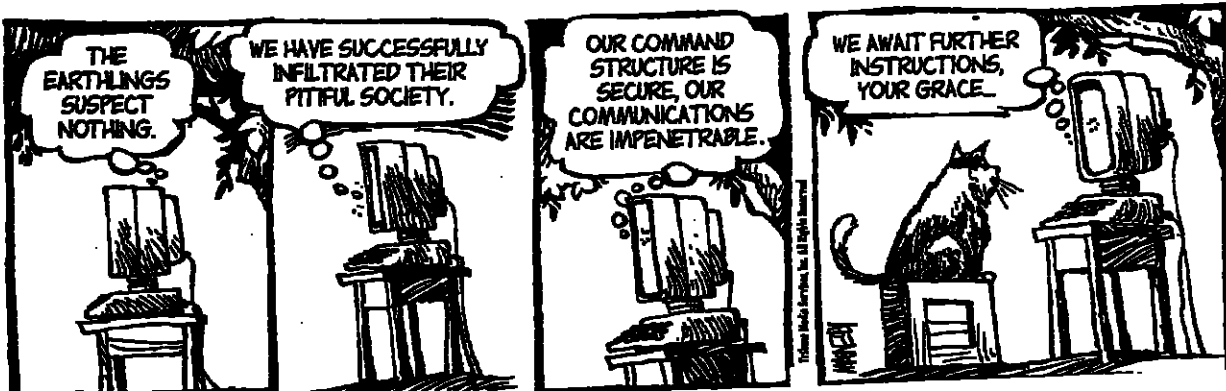
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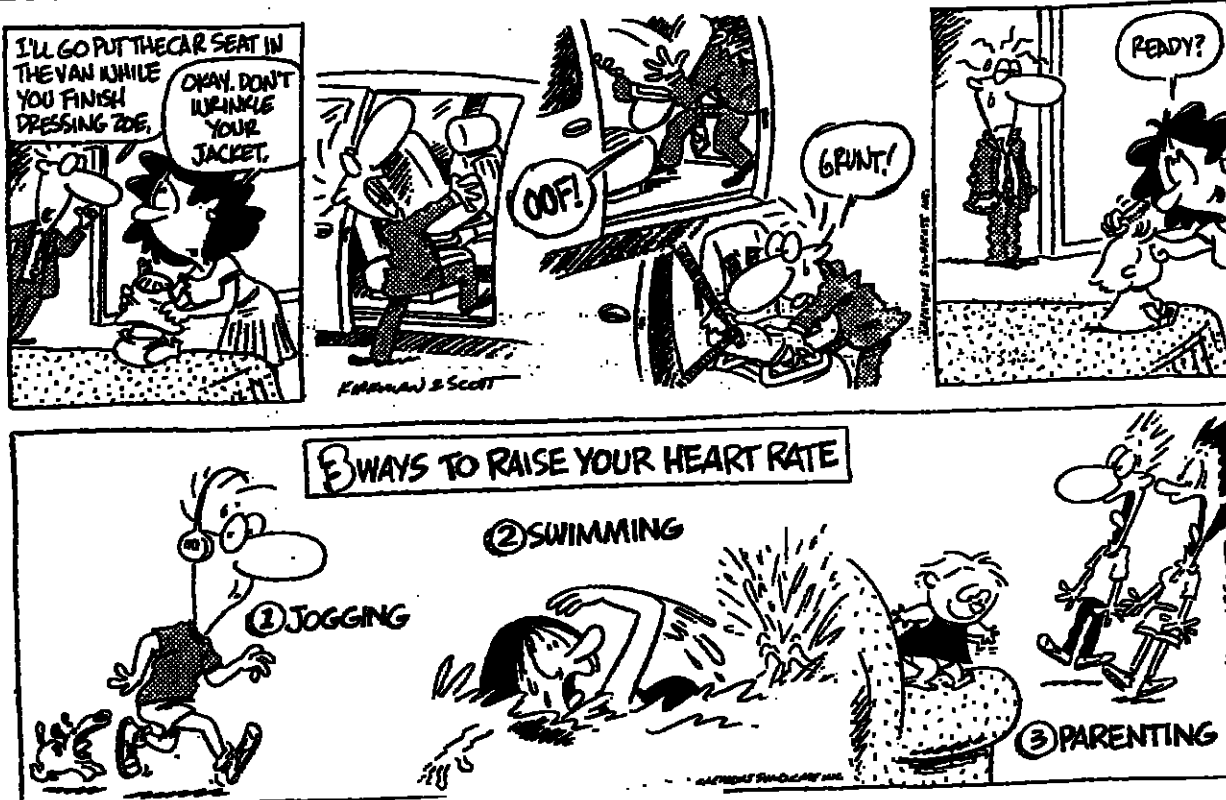
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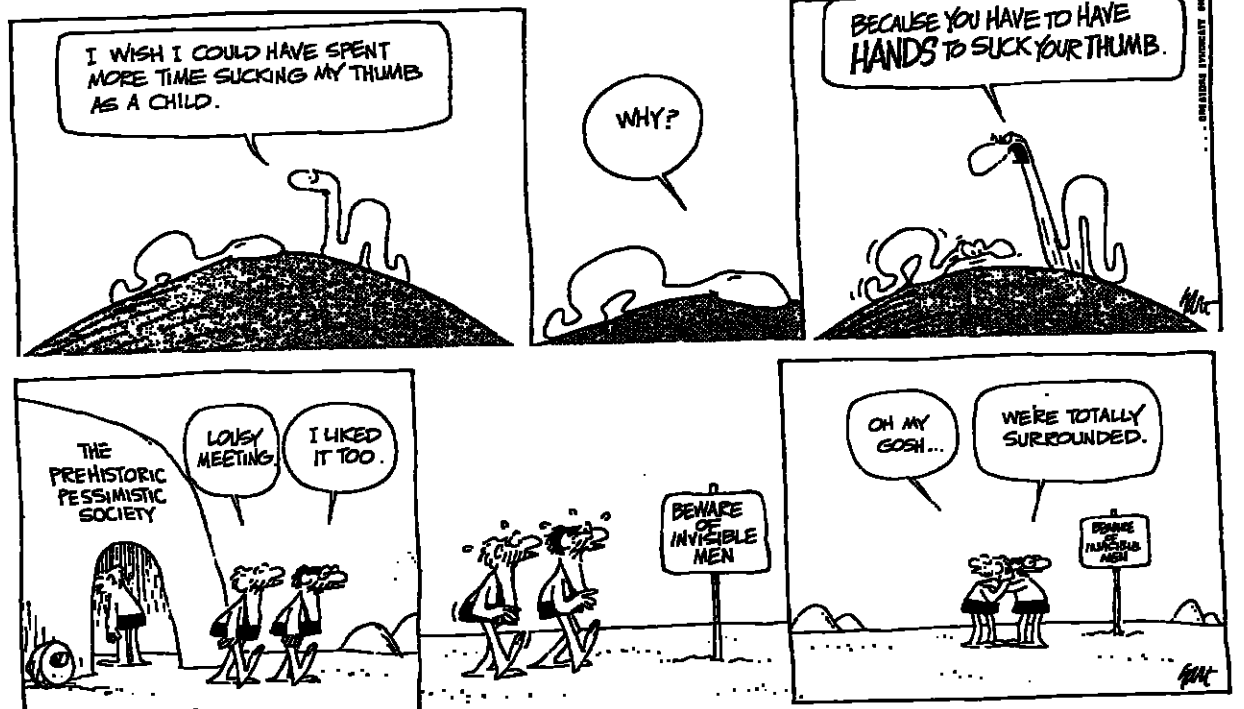
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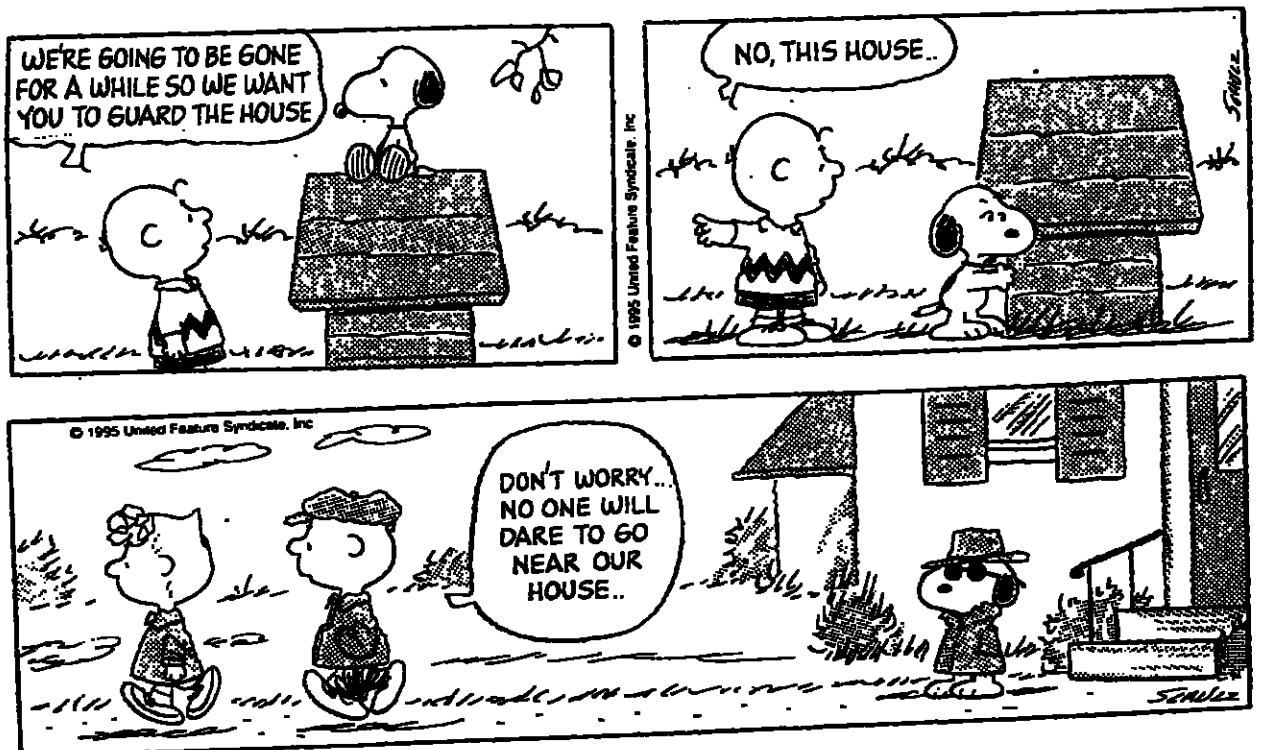
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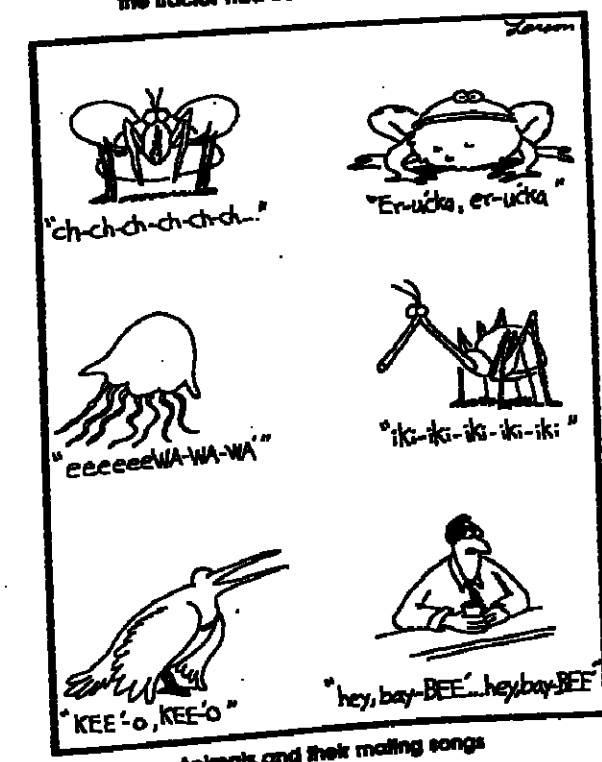
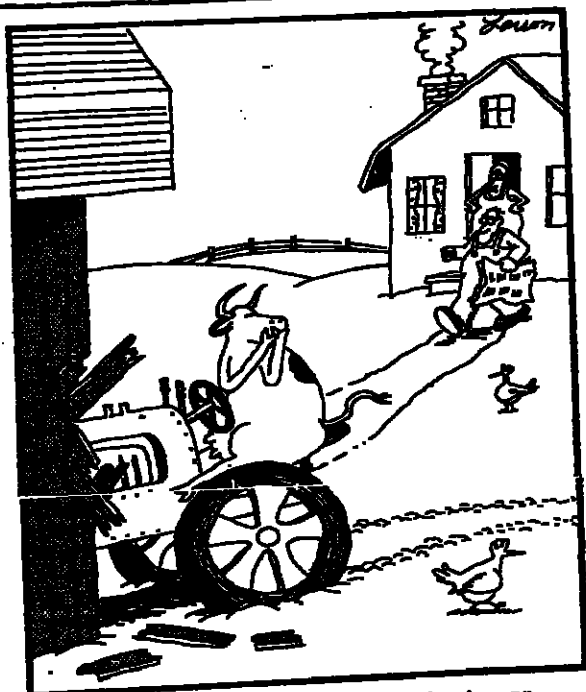


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Mark Dowie

Greens Outgunned

Lobbying Washington for a better environment has become an almost futile endeavor. If the 103rd Congress didn't prove the point to movement leadership, the 104th surely will.

When did national envoys ever have it better than with the 103rd Congress — a Democratic House, a Democratic Senate and, if campaign rhetoric was to be believed, the most environmentally committed administration in recent history? Yet in two years, only one piece of environmental legislation was signed into law — a weak and severely compromised bill protecting part of a desert in California — while the administration that had greens staining the inaugural ballroom floor with tears of joy broke all records in environmental betrayal. It was enough to depress the most hardened veteran of Beltway politics.

In terms of talent, experience and resources, the environmental lobby has never been stronger. Numbering over 100 seasoned advocates, representing scores of organizations and millions of voters, the environmental lobby is pound-for-pound the most impressive on the Hill. But pounds don't count in Washington, dollars do. And in dollars, almost any way you measure it, greens are outgunned ten-or-more-to-one by any lobby they face.

When I visit a congressional rep on a toxics issue, I can offer him or her ten thousand dollars max. five for the primary, five for the general election. I lament Sierra Club lobbyist Dan Becker, one of the few national environmentalists with a PAC behind him. "The next visitor could easily be representing the Chemical Manufacturers Association — over a hundred members, each of which has a PAC that can offer ten thousand to the next campaign. Even with the facts on my side I am likely to be ignored."

Becker doesn't even mention the fact that each of those chemical manufacturers has at least one law or lobbying firm in Washington able to contribute additional support to the same candidate. And many do so.

From January 1991 to June 1994, covering the pre-election period and one-and-a-half sessions of the 103rd Congress, the entire environmental movement, through their 14 existing PACs, contributed \$1.7 million to congressional candidates, including roughly \$500,000 for the 1994 elections. During the same period, chemical industry PACs donated \$3.8 million to federal candidates; agriculture PACs, \$22.7 million; energy and natural

resources PACs, \$21.7 million; transportation (including automotive), \$20.9 million; construction, \$7.8 million; timber, \$2.3 million; mining, \$1.9 million; and the waste management industry, \$1.4 million. (All figures below are from the period 1/1/91 through 6/30/94 except where noted.)

The consequence of all the generosity showed in the sad fate of environmental legislation during the first two years of the Clinton-Gore administration. A few examples:

- Attempts to overhaul the General Mining Law of 1872 faltered in conference committee after the House passed its bill 316 to 108 and the Senate passed its on a non-record vote. A leading opponent was the American Mining Congress, which represented the mining industry, whose PAC contributions totaled \$1.9 million.

- Hearings were conducted in both chambers on the renewal of the 1973 Endangered Species Act, but no bills were marked up by either side. The American Forest and Paper Association helped influence the outcome; timber and forest products PAC donations came to \$2.3 million.

- The House, but not the Senate, approved legislation giving state and local governments more power, under interstate commerce laws, to reject municipal wastes from other states. The National Solid Waste Management Association was a major lobbying force, bolstered by waste management industry PAC contributions of \$1.4 million.

The bill was stymied at the last minute after a group called the Safe Drinking Water Act Coalition clashed with

environmental groups, which claimed that further compromises in the bill would endanger public health.

The Coalition was made up of state and local officials' organizations such as the National Governors' Association and utility groups like the American Waterworks Association, the National Rural Water Association, and the National Association of Water Companies. Just one of the Coalition's many members spent a reported \$15,000 to \$20,000 per month on a FR/lobbying blitz.

An attempt to extend the 1972 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (the "Clean Water Act") received committee approval in the Senate but not the House. A leading player was the Clean Water Industry Coalition, a shadowy group made up of industry, agriculture, state, and municipal organizations. U.S. PIRG studied contributions from 263 PACs which were opposed to stronger clean water legislation. They found that these PACs gave \$56.9 million in donations to candidates for Congress between 1987 and 1994 (Congress last reauthorized the Clean Water Act in 1987).

The House, but not the Senate, passed a bill 288 to 133 that would have enabled the U.S. Forest Service to acquire a 44,000-acre private redwood forest in California. The leading opponent was the American Forest and Paper Association. Timber and forest products PACs contributed \$2.3 million.

Bills to revamp the 1980 Superfund law cleared committee in both chambers but were stopped short of both House and Senate floors. Many



Gridlock in both chambers killed bids to revamp federal law regulating the pesticide content of fresh and processed foods (the Delaney amendment). PAC contributions from a major opponent to strict regulations, the chemical industry, came to \$3.8 million.

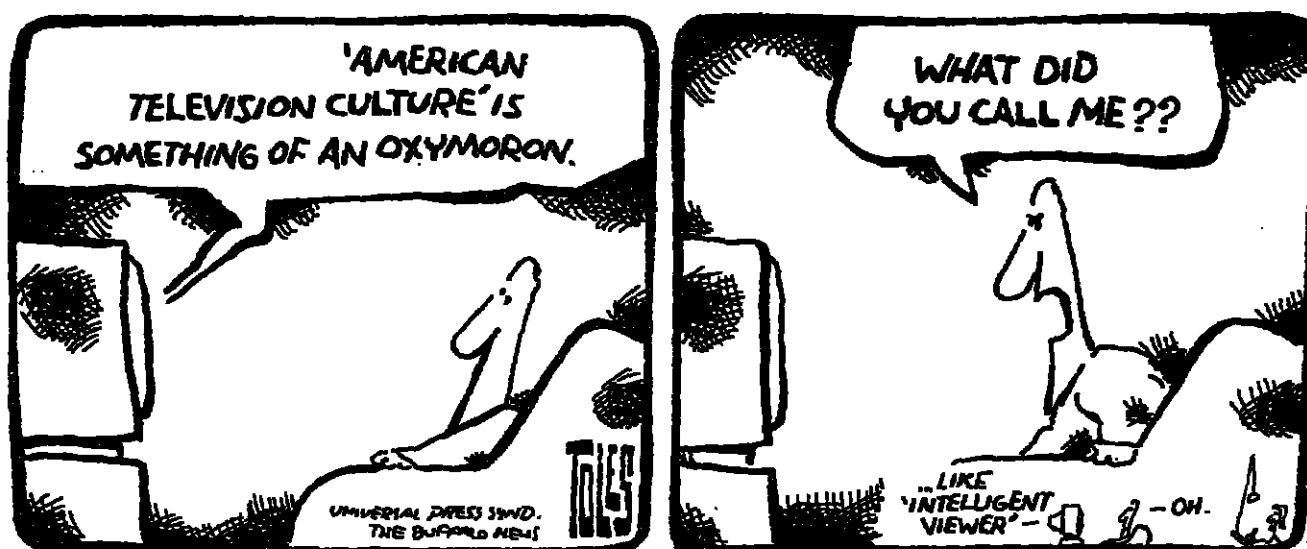
The Environmental Working Group studied a sub-sector of the industry — the 43 PACs associated with companies that form the American Crop Protection Association and ACPA's own PAC — and found it was especially active, together contributing \$9.1 million. Pesticide PAC contributions during the first 18 months of the 103rd Congress were double what they had been during the same periods of the previous two Congresses.

Both chambers passed bills to renew the 1974 Safe Drinking Water Act, giving state and local governments more leeway and resources to meet EPA contamination standards, but final government approval was not achieved.

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Leslie Savan

The Sponsored Life



Television-watching Americans — that is, just about all Americans — see approximately 100 TV commercials a day. In that same 24 hours they also see a host of print ads, billboard signs, and other corporate messages slapped onto every available surface, from the fuselages of NASA rockets right down to the bottom of golf holes and the inside doors of restroom stalls. Studies estimate that, counting all the logos, labels, and announcements, some 16,000 ads flicker across an individual's consciousness daily.

Advertising now infects just about every organ of society, and wherever advertising gains a foothold it tends to slowly take over, like a vampire or a virus. When television broadcasting began about 50 years ago, the idea of a network that would air nothing but commercials was never seriously considered, not even when single-sponsor shows were produced straight out of the sponsor's ad agency. But today, by the grace of cable, we have several such channels, including MTV, stylistically the most advanced programming on the air, and FYI, a proposed new channel that would run only ads — infomercials, home-shopping shows, regular-length commercials, and, for a real treat, programs of "classic" ads. Similarly, product placement in the movies started small, with the occasional Tab showing up in a star's hand, but now it's grown big enough to eat the whole thing. In its 1993 futuristic thriller *Demolition Man*, Warner Bros. not only scattered the usual corporate logos throughout the sets but it also rewrote the script so that the only fast-food chain to survive the "franchise wars" of the 20th century was Taco Bell — which, in return, promoted the movie in all its outlets.

Even older, far staler cultural institutions have had their original values hollowed out and replaced by ad values, leaving behind the merest fossil of their founders' purpose. Modernist masters enjoy art museum blockbusters only when they can be prominently underwritten by an oil company or a telecommunications giant; new magazines are conceived not on the basis of their editorial content but on their ability to identify potential advertisers and groom their copy to fit marketing needs. In the process, the function of sponsored institutions is almost comically betrayed. The exotic bug exhibit at the Smithsonian Museum's new O. Orkin Insect Zoo, for example, opens with the red diamond logo of Orkin Pest Control and displays various little beasts, ever so subtly planting the suggestion that if they were to escape their glass cages you'd know who to call. Though the Smithsonian would never be so crass as to actually recommend Orkin's services, it is crass enough to never once mention in its exhibits the dangers of pesticides.

As for all those television-watching Americans, hit on by those 16,000 paid (and tax-deductible) messages a day, they're even more vulnerable than their institutions. Most advertisers understand that in order to sell to you they have to know your desires and dreams better than you may know them yourself, and they've tried to reduce that understanding to a science. Market research, in which psychologists, polling organizations, trends analysts, focus group leaders, "mail-intercept" interviewers, and the whole panoply of mass communications try to figure out what will make you buy, has become a \$2.5 billion annual business growing at a healthy clip of about 4.2 percent a year (after adjustment for inflation). Yet even this sophisticated program for the study of the individual consumer is only a starter kit for the technological advances that will sweep through the advertising-industrial complex in the 1990s. Today, the most we can do when another TV commercial comes on — and we are repeatedly told that this is our great freedom — is to switch channels. But soon technology will take even that tiny tantrum of resistance and make it "interactive," providing advertisers with information on the exact moment we became bored — vital data that can be crunched, analyzed, and processed into the next set of ads, the better to zap-proof them.

Impressive as such research may be, the real masterwork of advertising is the way it uses the techniques of art to seduce the human soul. Virtually all of modern experience now has a sponsor, or at least a sponsored accessory, and there is no human emotion or concern — love, lust, war, childhood innocence, social rebellion, spiritual enlightenment,

even disgust with advertising — that cannot be reworked into a sales pitch. The transcendent look in a bride's eyes the moment before she kisses her groom turns into a promo for Du Pont. The teeth-grashing humiliation of an office rival becomes an inducement to switch to AT&T.

In short, we're living the sponsored life. From Huggies to Maalox, the necessities and little luxuries of an American's passage through this world are provided and promoted by one advertiser or another. The sponsored life is born when commercial culture sells our own experiences back to us. It grows as those experiences are then reconstituted inside us, mixing the most intimate processes of individual thought with commercial values, rhythms, and expectations. It has often been said by television's critics that TV doesn't deliver products to viewers but that viewers themselves are the real product, one that TV delivers to its advertisers. True, but the symbiotic relationship between advertising and audience goes deeper than that. The viewer who lives the sponsored life — and that is most of us to one degree or the other — is slowly re-created in the ad's image.

Inside each "consumer," advertising's all-you-can-eat, all-the-time, all-dessert buffet produces a build-up of mass-produced stimuli, all hissing and sputtering to get out. Sometimes they burst out as sponsored speech, as when we talk in the cadences of sitcom one-liners, imitate Letterman, laugh uproariously at lines like "I've fallen and I can't get up," or mouth the words of familiar commercials, like the entranced high school student I met in a communications class who moved his lips with the voiceover of a Toyota spot.

Sometimes they slip out as sponsored dress, as when white suburban kids don the baggy pants and backward baseball caps they see on MTV rappers. Sometimes they simply come out as sponsored equations, as when we attribute "purity" and "honesty" to clear products like Crystal Pepsi or Ben's clear deodorant.

To lead the sponsored life you don't really have to do anything. You don't need to have a corporate sponsor as the museums or the movies do. You don't even have to buy anything — though it helps, and you will. You just have to live in America and share with the nation, or at least with your mail-intercept cohorts, certain paid-for expectations and values, rhythms and reflexes.

The chief expectation of the sponsored life is that there will and always should be regular blips of excitement and resolution, the frequency of which is determined by money. We begin to pulse to the beat, the one-two beat, that moves most ads: problem/solution, old/new, Brand X/hero brand, desire/gratification. In order to dance to the rhythm, we adjust our expectations a little here, a little there. Our notions of what's desirable behavior, our lust for novelty, even our visions of the perfect love affair or thrilling adventure adapt to the mass consensus coaxed out by marketing. Cultural forms that don't fit these patterns tend to fade away, and eventually everything in commercial culture — not just the 30-second spot but the drama, news segment, stage performance, novel, magazine layout — comes to share the same insipid insistence on canned excitement and neat resolution.

What's all the excitement about? Anything and nothing. You know you've

individual corporations, such as E.I. du Pont de Nemours, had their own lawyers/lobbyists working on the Hill. Such companies (185 of them) were also represented by the Chemical Manufacturers Association (the industry, as noted earlier, gave \$3.8 million). Insurance companies were also involved because polluters have been using their environmental insurance policies to cover cleanup costs. Insurance companies sought to deflect liability. Their PACs gave \$15.9 million to members of Congress (though they were also interested in other legislation, such as health care and tort reform).

Free-standing bills were introduced to obtain government permits to fill wetlands, and the House, but not the Senate, passed a bill extending the North American Wetlands Act through fiscal year 1998. A group of 60-some municipal associations, utilities, and major industrial concerns such as Exxon, Texaco, and Kerr-McGee make up the National Wetlands Coalition. Coalition members' PACs gave \$5.5 million to candidates from 1991 through June 1994. One law/lobbying firm (Van Ness Feldman et al.) associated with the Coalition gave \$60,000 through its PAC during this time, and individuals employed by the firm gave another \$15,000.

It's safe to assume that other Coalition members' lobbyists had a similar spending pattern.

What's Next? By the close of the 103rd Congress it became patently clear that the best strategy for the Washington environmental lobby was to leave existing statutes alone and work against aggressive anti-environmental initiatives such as the takings, risk assessment, and unfunded mandate bills that are now lined up for the 104th Congress. That should leave considerable talent and energy to fight the real fight that has to be fought in Washington before environmentalism or any other social movement can make headway in America — campaign finance reform.

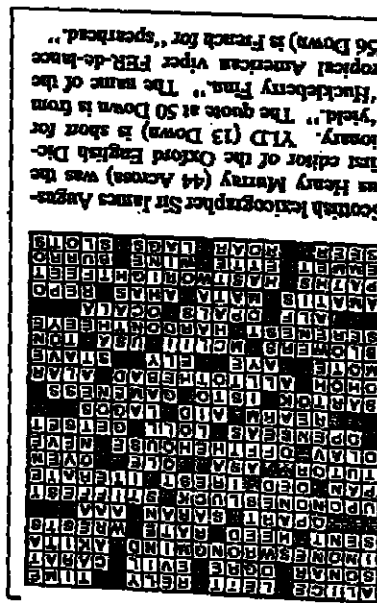
All of the 25 largest environmental organizations in the country have substantial offices in Washington. If they were to assign half their lobby to join forces with a coalition of other progressive movements and fight a concerted battle for campaign reform, the playing field could be leveled considerably for the 105th Congress, or maybe the 106th — whatever the party in power.

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entered the commercial zone when the excitement building in you is oddly incommensurate with the content dangled before you: Does a sip of Diet Coke really warrant an expensive production number celebrating the rebel prowess of "ministers who surf," "insurance agents who speed," and "people who live their life as an exclamation not an explanation"? Of course not. Yet through the sympathetic magic of materialism we learn how to respond to excitement: It's less important that we purchase any particular product than that we come to expect resolution in the form of something buyable.

The one question I'm most often asked is, Does advertising shape who we are and what we want, or does it merely reflect back to us our own emotions and desires? As with most nature-or-nurture questions, the answer is both. The real ad in any campaign is controlled neither by admakers nor adwatchers; it exists somewhere between the TV set and the viewer, like a huge hairball, collecting bits of material and meaning from both. The real ad isn't even activated until viewers hand it their frustrations from work, the mood of their love life, their idiosyncratic misinterpretations, and most of all, I think, their everyday politics. On which class rung do they see themselves teetering? Do they ever so subtly flinch when a different race comes on TV? In this way, we all coproduce the ads we see. Agency people are often aghast that anyone would find offensive meanings in their ads because "that's not what we intended." Intention has little to do with it. Whatever they meant, once an ad hits the air it becomes public property. That, I think, is where criticism should aim — at the fluctuating, multimeaning thing that floats over the country, reflecting us as we reflect it.

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When color photographs make you see red

ON CAMERA

DAVID BRAUNER

WHEN I grew up in the 1960s, I heard stories about subliminal advertising. The illegal technique, literally meaning "below the threshold" (of consciousness), implants stimuli directly into the brain. Apparently, advertisers slipped a series of single frames into films—for example, pictures of a product—and in the intermission people would run to the concession with an inexplicable craving.

Likewise in many still pictures, psychological forces may be acting directly on the brain without the viewer being conscious of what is happening. In his book *Photography*, Eric de Maré suggests a list of psychological overtones associated with line and form.

Thus, the horizontal means repose, stability, quietness. Vertical forms possess the ideas of aspiration, stature, massiveness. Diagonals are associated with activity and motion, while curves symbolize warmth, softness, slowness and nature. Zigzags and disconnected points imply rapid motion and distraction.

Pictures shrouded in dark tones arouse feelings of brooding, fear, despair and death. Light or bright-toned pictures, needless to say, stimulate Disney-like associations of love, happiness and childhood.

Maré points out that a picture cut in two by a horizontal line or divided by equal areas of light and dark "represents unresolved conflict" and is, therefore, a weak and indecisive composition.

PSYCHOLOGISTS agree that such associations are highly individual and also vary from culture to culture. Yet certain emotional reactions seem to be universal, and nowhere more than in the psychology of color.

It is a truism that the red end of the spectrum is "warm" and the blue end "cold." Less well-known is the fact that people seem to agree on the relative "weights" of color. Experiments



A viewer is affected, often in ways that are hard to articulate, by horizontals, verticals, diagonals and other elements of still pictures. (David Brauner)

made as long ago as 1907 showed that red was perceived as the "heaviest" color, followed by orange, blue and green (all similar in weight), with yellow, then white being the "lightest."

John Hedgecoe's book *The Art of Color Photography* reports that subjects, when asked to slowly draw a semicircle, accomplished the task more easily under soothing green light than un-

der active red illumination, which produced increases in hand tremor.

Hedgecoe also remarks that colors, like line, tone and form, are associated with fairly univer-

sal abstractions. So, gray, yellow and white are considered "weak," red, the color of blood and fire, alive and potent, and blue, the color of the sky, is regarded as "strong"

almost everywhere.

Red also implies aggressiveness, being said to seemingly advance toward the viewer. Blues, in contrast, seem to recede, perhaps because we are conditioned

to seeing distances through a bluish haze.

The laws of color contrast and color preferences have long been worked out in psychological experiments. The beauty or ugliness of certain contrasted or matched hues either attract or repel the viewer. Which returns us to where we began: the subliminal.

One of the most common examples of the subliminal aspects of photography is seen in the highly effective use of color and black-and-white combined in a single image. This popular technique in advertising is displayed in magazines and bus-shelter posters everywhere we look.

The picture of a woman is in black and white, suggesting mystery. All lines are curved and rounded, so she comes across as sultry and inviting; the tonal contrasts are done in soft grays symbolizing mature femininity. In her hand, she holds the only splash of color in the image—say a bottle of perfume. Instantly, the product is imprinted on the mind, together with whatever associations the image has conveyed.

We, too, can practice a little psychology in our own amateur photography. See that colonnaded building with the statue in front. Photograph it at a low angle so that vertical lines converge to reflect the structure's massiveness and upward thrust.

Or that ship tied up along the wharf. Move back so that the vessel's elongated, slightly curving horizontal lines will suggest peacefulness and repose. Anyone can use psychological techniques to enhance almost any picture.

Also, by working backwards, that is, looking at old pictures, you can perhaps detect certain inclinations in your psyche. I, for instance, have a tendency to take verticals. Now what does that say about me?

THE ANGLO-Israeli Photographic Awards, offering \$1,500 each to two young Israeli photographers, is now open. For further information write: Shuka Glotman, Miztze Abirim, Ma'aleh Hagazit 25183. Deadline for applications, April 1, 1995.

He matched wits with the Gestapo

THERE AND THEN

SRAYA SHAPIRO

HENRI Doru infiltrated German headquarters in Paris in 1940, on orders of the French Resistance. Romanian by birth, he spoke German fluently, but had resided in France for 13 years and joined the intelligence service, the Deuxième Bureau. Doru's wartime exploits are told in the recently published *Sephardi Jews in Occupied France—Under the Tyrant's Heel* (Rabin Mass, English, 420 pp.). The author, Gitta Amiraz-Silber, a retired Foreign Ministry counselor, has Doru's story from him.

A stage director in peacetime, Doru joined the Resistance after Hitler's troops marched into Paris. The Nazis rushed on the shops, buying indiscriminately, Doru says. Waiting for his chance, Doru hung around the shop of a friend and eventually, a German officer, a chaplain, dropped in. Doru offered to interpret and consequently was asked to interpret at German headquarters.

He courted the officers, invited them to the Lido, where he had staged a show, and treated them to expensive dinners at his home.

"I even got to General von Stuepnel, the German military commander in France," says Doru. He obtained a special permit to enter the Majestic Hotel, the seat of the German General Staff.

When he aroused the suspicions of one officer, Doru let the fellow win out with a beautiful girl they met in a bar, and two weeks later the officer was hospi-

talized with a sexually transmitted disease and subsequently sent home to Germany.

Doru wielded enough influence to save the life of a Frenchman who parachuted into his native land from England. He was also able to supply 420 persons, many of them Jewish, with genuine certificates allowing safe passage to the French Free Zone.

But one of his former employees denounced Doru to the police as a Jew and a Communist. Doru went to General Boetticher and told him he had been victimized. The letter of denunciation was destroyed.

ACTING ON instructions from London to supply information on the Nazis' coastal defenses, the Atlantic Wall, Doru paid three visits to a certain Colonel Miller, whose office contained a large map of the wall's construction. Doru made mental notes and retraced the map at home, complete with the details on the units involved.

Doru informed England that the Germans were planning to use gas warfare, and a stern warning from Roosevelt and Churchill stopped German preparations.

On April 9, 1943, the Gestapo arrested Doru as a Jew and a Gaullist. For three days he was tortured. Then, the Gestapo officer who had interrogated him

took the handcuffed Doru into a car, to transport him to the Fresnes prison. Ten men from the Resistance witnessed the move and followed in two vehicles. As the cars passed the wall of the Ivory cemetery, the Resistance men gave a sign to Doru, who used his his handcuffed hands to hit the German officer in the head. When the officer's driver stopped the car to help his chief, the Resistance men assaulted the vehicle, killed the driver and left a time bomb in the car.

After hiding for 24 hours in Paris, Doru took the train to the Swiss border, where the Resistance guided him to the border at night. Five meters before he crossed the border, his guide Marius whispered: "Lie down, an Italian patrol is coming." A stone thrown in the opposite direction distracted the patrol, and Marius and Doru crossed the fence and found a shed to hide in. The Italians spotted them but proved friendly: "You've made it, good for you," they said.

AMIRAZ-SILBER writes that there was an agreement between the French Resistance and the Swiss Secret Service that allowed members of the Resistance to enter Switzerland in exchange for information on German designs toward the Swiss.

Doru met the American military attaché, Benjamin Legg, and

provided him with details on anti-aircraft positions in Paris, a description of the German General Staff and the plans of the Majestic Hotel. Legg and Allen Dulles, who headed the European section of the US Office of Strategic Services (OSS), suggested Doru set up an intelligence network in Switzerland to follow the movements of the Germans. This network was operational within two months.

The Germans were looking for him. They questioned his mother, ransacked his apartment and appropriated his money in the bank. All the German officers he once entertained were transferred to the Russian front. Officers were no longer permitted to visit a non-German at home and certainly not to admit that a Jew had caused such changes for the General Staff.

The Germans eventually discovered Doru's cover identity and assaulted him but he escaped after beating his pursuers. But on January 24, 1944, the Swiss police arrested him at home for violating Swiss neutrality. Neither his Swiss contact nor Legg, the American military attaché he had helped, showed any interest in Doru's fate, says Amiraz-Silber.

Legg later explained to Doru: "An agent who is arrested does not interest us anymore. He is disqualified. We ignore him. This is the fate of a spy. Such are the rules of the game."

Amiraz-Silber admits the story reads like fiction. But she has the documented proof that it's true.

Taking the bite out of the dog

HEADS 'N' TAILS

D'VORA BEN SHAUL

DOGS and children make a good combination. There's usually a lot of mutual affection, but sometimes a dog will snap at children and may even bite.

It usually works out best if the dog is bigger than the children since a large dog is usually more tolerant and feels less threatened even by the most rambunctious toddler or child.

While statistics seem to show that large dogs such as German shepherds, chows, rottweilers and Doberman pinschers are the worst offenders when it comes to biting, it may well be that these statistics are skewed. If a small dog nips a person then in most cases the bite is so small that it usually doesn't even break the skin, and even if it does the damage is minimal.

If the dog in question is your own healthy, vaccinated pet then the chances are that the bite may never be reported and therefore will not even be included in the statistics. On the other hand a bite from a large dog may require medical treatment and thereby figure in statistical calculations.

The commonest reason for a child getting bitten is that it approached the dog's food while the dog was eating. Many dogs will allow an adult owner to take away the food bowl even during its meal, but seem to consider children as their equals and as competition.

breed. It's just a matter of self preservation.

Of course, even among large breeds, some are more prone to bite or snap than others. In general the guard breeds are far quicker to bite than are the hunting and herding breeds.

For this reason Labradors and collies are usually the safest companions for small children but even here, boxers, though a guard breed, are notably gentle with children while some German shepherds, although of a herding breed, may be less patient.

Rottweilers, some Doberman pinschers and bull terriers are not on the list of highly recommended children's companions, but one must remember that there are exceptions in every breed, as well as different behavior patterns in different children.

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Grobman: From Saskatoon to snooker stardom

PENNY STARR

IN a spacious Ramat Aviv Gimel apartment, Hal Grobman puts down his wine glass and wraps his lips round a fat cigar.

For a new immigrant, in the country less than a year and a half and still going to Hebrew classes, he's doing well for himself.

OK, so the apartment is his girlfriend's and he's dog-sitting. And the cigar wasn't rolled in Cuba but in the Dominican Republic by Cuban refugees. Still, Grobman has earned the right to act the fat cat. In September he won the title of Israel Snooker Champion 1994, and at the end of December he also became national 9-ball champion.

Israel's newest hero of the green baize got a name for himself even before he won the titles. After he'd been playing snooker in Israel just a couple of months, his reputation was already preceding him.

"In Tiberias I went into a club. I'd never been to before," he says, "and I'd barely opened my mouth, all I said was 'Shalom,' and the guys said 'Ah, here's the Canadian!'"

"The Canadian," who just a couple of years ago was working as a restaurant manager, left his hometown near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on a motorcycle. At the age of 39 he decided to have the kind of adventure most people have in their early twenties. He rode halfway across Canada, took a Russian freighter from Montreal to Liverpool, rode

through France, Italy, Greece and Turkey and hopped on a ferry to Haifa.

Shortly after arriving here, he found work at a hotel in Eilat for a couple of months. That's when he discovered they played snooker in Israel. And that's where he first came across Israeli gamblers.

"The Israeli machismo ethic means that they can't believe someone can beat them, so they play and lose again and again," he explains. "In the hotel, I was working 14 to 16 hours a day and making NIS 2000 a month. And then I played this macho guy from Bat Yam and made a 1,000 shekels in a matter of hours. That's when I realized I can make more money from my hobby."

Although these days he makes his money from teaching (and he keeps stressing that snooker is "a pleasant and challenging form of recreation"), the highlights of his green baize experience in Israel revolve around the seedier side of the sport — gambling.

After leaving the Eilat hotel, he hooked up with a manager and the pair toured the country and split the winnings. "I was doing well until the better players in Israel crept up on me and taught me a lesson about playing here," he says ruefully. If he was up against weaker players, he would play with a handicap. But he says even the good players would fake being poor ones to gain a handicap. As he explains it: "I take



BIG STICK — Hal Grobman (l) accepts first prize as National Snooker Champion from Israel Billiards Association Chairman Yitzhak Yavin.

advantage of people and take their money, or else I'm a sucker and they take mine."

In Canada, where Grobman was Provincial Snooker Champion of 1992, and in England, where he spent 6 months on the amateur snooker circuit in 1987 ("I didn't have a chance, I didn't

get a sniff, all I ever won was \$40 once for coming in the top 16!"), the sport is quite respectable and respected. Here, where the sport has been around for less than 10 years, it is just now struggling off its image of being a sleazy game for low-lives.

Yitzhak Yavin, chairman of

the Israel Billiards Association and owner of the Lincoln Pool Hall, is at pains to point out that today there are 300 clubs all over the country, where 150,000 people play snooker, billiards, pool and 9-ball, 6,000 of whom are registered members of the association.

At last month's 9-ball competition, Yavin made sure all the players at least gave the impression of being respectable. Everyone was properly dressed in tuxedos. The competition was taped by the regional cable company Tevel for its local news program *Tahana Mercatit*. But unfortunately the cameraman didn't catch Grobman's winning shot. They set the shot up again, and this time told the audience to applaud quite loudly, which explains Grobman's rather surprised and bemused look of triumph.

When he showed the video to his Hebrew class, his ulpan teacher exclaimed "Ugh! A *chah-chah* game!" But he insists that, since the arrival of cable TV, snooker has grown in popularity, and the quality of play has improved. "It isn't as high as in Canada or England," he admits. "But since I started giving lessons the standards have gotten higher."

He's only half-joking. Grobman coaches anyone from beginners to advanced players, from 18-year-old wiseguys to middle-aged doctors. Until you've grasped the fundamentals like how to stand, how to stroke the cue ball, how to control it, Grobman says there is no point learning the finer elements of position play.

Grobman's preferred games are 9-ball and snooker. "Billiards is a really boring game. Nobody plays it. I promise you, if you

were watching billiards on TV, you'd change channels."

Nine-ball is an American game with nine balls numbered one to nine and shot in sequence. Whoever shoots the 9-ball wins the game. "It's a quick, simple game," he says. "If you sink the 9, even when you break, you've won. That's it, it's all over."

Snooker should be played with 15 reds and six colors, and shot in order of red-color-red-color. But in Israel, they play with only three reds so the game goes more quickly. "They like a faster pace — a quicker change of money," he says.

Money certainly does change hands fast. Grobman describes one time when he was playing for \$500 a game and he felt under extreme pressure in an unfamiliar club and couldn't find a suitable cue. (These days he owns his own Hunt and Byrne that he says is like "a work of art"). He was losing and was down to his last \$500 — a \$100 bill and the remaining \$400 in travelers' checks. He was losing when his opponent told him, "Listen, if I win I don't want to be paid in travelers' checks."

"It went right down to the wire but I won," he says, taking another puff of that fat cigar. "And then I won a couple more. I just wanted one or two more games to break even, and suddenly the guy pulled out. I told him 'You can't quit while you're ahead.' And he said 'Welcome to Israel.'"

Chargers, living on the edge, not bothered by underdog label

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A day after winning the AFC championship, reality set in for the Super Bowl-bound San Diego Chargers.

At one Las Vegas sports book, the Chargers were 20-point underdogs to the NFC champion San Francisco 49ers heading into next Sunday's game. By comparison, the New York Jets were 17-point underdogs to Baltimore in the third Super Bowl, when Joe Namath guaranteed — and then delivered — a huge upset.

The Chargers have lived on the edge in two heart-stopping playoff games, and won't be too intimidated to make it to Joe Robbie Stadium to play in their first Super Bowl.

"I think we're going to play well," coach Bobby Ross said after the Chargers stunned the Pittsburgh Steelers 17-13 at Three Rivers Stadium. "I'm not going to worry about it all. I'm sure they'll have a good crowd, if for no other reason than it's a big social event. And we're going to show up."

The Chargers lost to the 49ers by 23 points, 38-15, in San Diego on December 11. After Steve Young and Jerry Rice tore them apart, Deion Sanders returned an interception 90 yards for a touchdown with 32 seconds left and danced in the end zone.

Quarterback Stan Humphries, who threw two 43-yard touchdown passes against the Steelers, said he realizes why the Chargers haven't been shown much respect.

"I don't think anybody expected us to do what we've done so far, and probably think that everything that's happened so far has been just dumb luck, anyway," he said.

"Until an AFC team beats an NFC team in the Super Bowl, then the AFC team will probably never get any respect," added top linebacker Junior Seau.

The NFC has won 10 straight Super Bowls. San Francisco will be trying to win a record fifth Super Bowl title.

Ross said he met with the team captains — none of whom have been to a Super Bowl — and the few Chargers who have made it with other teams. They include Humphries, the third-string quarterback with Washington in the 1992 Super Bowl, and backup quarterback Gale Gilbert, who had a similar spot with the Buffalo Bills in their four straight Super Bowl losses.

"I told them, we're going down to win, and that this isn't just going down there for the enjoyment of a Super Bowl participation," Ross said.



OUCH! — Linebacker Junior Seau (pronounced "Say Ow") is ready to establish connections with the 49ers.

Priest: No girls on wrestling team

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) — Kelly Williams has been called teasing and tough for wrestling against boys, and beating them, in high school competition.

Now a Roman Catholic priest has written a letter to Kelly's coach, calling for an end to such grappling of the sexes, saying they can cause impure temptations.

"This is a concern which actually goes into the moral area," said Harry Brown, director of family life ministries of the St. Petersburg Catholic Diocese. "As a Catholic priest, I see her wrestling as an avenue that might entice improper behavior or erotic feelings."

Kelly, a 16-year-old St. Petersburg High student who earlier this year earned the US's first female victory over a male at the varsity level, said she thought the letter was a joke when she heard about it last week.

"I wouldn't have been upset but I didn't like it when he asked my coach to stop me from wrestling," Kelly said. "People are going to live in their own worlds, but they have no right to force their values on others."

Kelly wrestles in the 103-pound (47 kg) class and has compiled a 4-2 record that includes two pins. "Some people think such wrestling is cool. But actually it will and does become hot," the priest wrote.

BOSTON (AP) — Nick Van Exel made a desperation 25-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer to give the Lakers a 120-118 victory over the Celtics on Friday night and spoil the last chant of "Beat L.A." at Boston Garden.

Dino Radja scored off his own miss with 2.4 seconds left to give the Celtics a 118-117 lead. After two timeouts, Eddie Jones rebounded to Van Exel, who caught the ball near the sideline, pivoted a half-turn away from the basket and swished it through.

Cedric Ceballos scored 31 points, Elden Campbell had a career-high 30 and Van Exel scored 29. Radja led the Celtics with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Patrick Ewing scored a season-high 36 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead New York to its sixth straight road victory.

John Starks added 20 points and Anthony Mason had 17 as New York won for the 11th time in its last 12 games and moved 10 games over .500 for the first time this season.

Jim Jackson had 31 points and Jamal Mashburn 28 for the Mavericks, who dropped their seventh in a row to the Celtics.

Bulls 93, Timberwolves 86
B.J. Armstrong scored 22 points and several reserves made key contributions as host Chicago snapped a four-game losing streak.

Chicago is 12-0 against Minnesota since the Timberwolves joined the NBA in 1989. The game couldn't have come at a better time for the Bulls, who climbed back to .500 at 19-19.

Jazz 95, Cavaliers 84
Karl Malone scored 26 points and surpassed the 20,000 point mark for his career as host Utah won its eighth straight game.

Malone, who needed 15 points to reach the milestone, scored 12 in the first quarter and reached 20,000 with two free throws with 1:42 left in the second quarter. The 10-year veteran is the 19th player in NBA history to score 20,000 points.

Terrell Brandon, starting for the injured Mark Price, led the Cavaliers with 24 points.

Bullets 102, 76ers 98
Scott Skiles scored nine of his 28 points in the final four minutes and host Washington handed Philadelphia another close loss.

Calbert Cheaney had 25 points and Rex Chapman 17 for the Bullets, who have won two of three after losing 10 straight.

Dana Barros led Philadelphia with 25 points and Shaaron Wright had 18. The Sixers have lost 10 of their last 11 games and are 3-15 this season in games decided by six points or less.

Hornets 99, Nets 97
Robert Parish sank a 12-foot jumper with 1.5 seconds left, giving host Charlotte its 13th straight home victory.

The victory came despite the loss of Larry Johnson late in the third quarter. An inadvertent elbow to the top of the head sent Johnson sprawling to the floor, and the initial diagnosis was a sprained neck.

The Hornets won for the 10th time in their last 11 games and the 14th in their last 15. Charlotte blew a 15-point first-half lead and went 4-for-16 from the field in the closing period, but the last shot saved the day.

Spurs 115, Heat 114 (OT)
David Robinson hit two free throws with 1.5 seconds left in overtime and blocked a shot just before the final buzzer.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS:
L.A. Lakers 128, Boston 118
Washington 102, Philadelphia 98
San Antonio 115, Miami 114 (OT)
Charlotte 99, New Jersey 97
Indiana 99, Atlanta 89
Orlando 112, Denver 108 (OT)
Houston 106, Detroit 96
Chicago 93, Minnesota 86
New York 106, Dallas 93
Utah 94, Cleveland 84
Portland 106, L.A. Clippers 97

THURSDAY'S RESULTS:
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Security zone tense; bodies of two more terrorists discovered

MORE fighting was reported in the security zone over the weekend, following the clash Thursday in which Golani Brigade troops killed five Palestinian gunmen, and a soldier and civilian employed by the army were wounded.

Reports from Lebanon said two more terrorists were killed in Thursday's incident and two others were wounded as a result of IDF artillery and tank fire.

The bodies of the gunmen - at least one of them from Hizbullah - and the two wounded were found by troops from UNIFIL's Irish battalion.

They were called to the outskirts of Kabrikha village, north of the zone, on Friday morning by officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross, to help in the removal of the bodies and the transfer of the wounded to hospital.

The four had apparently been part of a support unit which had

fired mortars and anti-tank missiles at IDF and South Lebanese Army positions in the Kantara and Talousa areas to cover the actions of the five Palestinians gunmen who ambushed an IDF convoy in the area.

The five gunmen involved in the ambush, all members of Ah-

med Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, were killed by the four Golani soldiers escorting the convoy. One of the IDF soldiers was wounded as well as a civilian truck driver employed by the army in that incident.

The other gunmen were hit by

DAVID RUDGE

IDF return fire to the positions of the gunmen who had supported the ambush with long range shooting. That fact that at least one of them was from Hizbullah, was further proof of the coopera-

tion between the extremist Shi'ite organization and rejectionist Palestinian groups.

More shooting was reported late on Thursday night. UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said three tank-fired flechette anti-personnel rounds hit a Nepalese

position causing extensive damage. "It was minor Middle East miracle that nobody was killed because the Nepalese soldiers were not in their shelters at the time," said Goksel. He said UNIFIL intended to lodge a protest with the IDF over the incident.

Reports from Lebanon said

IAF helicopter gunships were in action on Friday morning following a long-range mortar attack against an IDF outpost near Dabsha in the eastern sector of the zone.

According to news agency reports, IDF gunners also blasted abandoned Lebanese army barracks in Nabatiya, north of the security zone, apparently in response to the same incident.

The fighting continued in the early hours of yesterday morning when gunmen fired several Sagger anti-tank missiles at an SLA position near Rehan, in the eastern sector of the zone.

Around the same time, gunmen opened fire with light weapons at another SLA post in the Bini J'hal area, in the western sector of the zone. There were no casualties in either of the incidents and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

London court remands pair for Israel Embassy blast; reprisals feared

DOUGLAS DAVIS and news agencies

LONDON - A court yesterday ordered the detention of a man and a woman charged with causing a blast at the Israeli Embassy last July that wounded 14 people.

Magistrates remanded Jawad Mahmoud Botmeh, 27, and Nadia Zekra, 48, until January 27. No details of their addresses or occupations were given.

The pair, thought to be Jordanian, were also charged with a bomb attack on a building in north London used by Jewish and Israeli organization, the day after

the embassy blast. Six people were wounded in that blast.

Botmeh and Zekra were accused of conspiring to plant a car bomb that exploded outside the Israeli Embassy in Kensington last July 26.

Police said it was a miracle that no one was killed by the explosion, which extensively damaged nearby buildings. The bomb went off as police were checking the car.

Police issued a description of a well-dressed, middle-aged woman of Mediterranean appearance carrying a Harrods shopping bag who was seen parking outside the embassy and then walking calmly away just seconds before the blast.

It later emerged the woman was challenged by police outside the embassy but said she was visiting friends.

British security services are braced for further terrorist attacks following the remand.

"If we have the right people, I expect there will be a wave of retaliatory attacks in London," a police source told *The Jerusalem Post*.

After the bombings, security was tightened at a number of buildings in London that house Jewish and Israeli organizations. The police source stressed it is

still believed there is a threat from those who perpetrated the July bombings.

"We certainly have not reduced our level of vigilance as a result of the arrests," he said. "We will continue our close protection of Jewish and Israeli buildings for the foreseeable future, certainly for the next year."

Three other people, arrested with Botmeh and Zekra on Tuesday under Britain's Prevention of Terrorism Act, were released and will face no further action.



Staff-Sgt. Ran Kimche, 19, a naval commando cadet who drowned in an underwater training exercise last week, is laid to rest Friday at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. OC Navy Maj.-Gen. Ami Ayalon has ordered an investigation of the accident. (Ailon Ron/Israel Sun)

Thousands attend funeral of naval commando cadet

THOUSANDS of people attended the funeral on Friday of Staff-Sgt. Ran Kimche, a naval commando cadet who drowned Wednesday during an underwater training exercise.

At noon, six staff-sergeants carried Kimche's coffin to its grave at the Kiryat Shaul

cemetery.

Joining in the procession were family members, friends, OC Navy Maj.-Gen. Ami Ayalon, senior naval officers and members of Kimche's commando unit.

The accident occurred when Kimche, 19, became separated from a diving partner and

disappeared.

His body was recovered on Thursday afternoon.

Ayalon has appointed an official inquiry into the accident to determine whether Kimche's death was a result of human error or technical failure.

At the funeral, Kimche's father

recited *kaddish*. The head of Kimche's unit eulogized the fallen commando, saying:

"A special breed of fighters has arisen in this country who have a sense of mission. And you, Ran, are among the best, who led your comrades in everything you did." (Ilim)

Nitzani to leave Treasury

JOSE ROSENFELD

GOVERNMENT Companies Authority Director Yossi Nitzani, the steward of the state's privatization program, announced he will be leaving his post at the end of April.

He is the fourth senior Treasury official to have left or announced his intention to leave, in a month. Nitzani was preceded by former director-general Aharon Fogel, Accountant-General Reuven Kokolevitch and State Revenues Director Yoram Gabai.

"I'm sorry about the timing. It has nothing to do with anything except that it was time for me to go. In March, I will have completed 4 years on the job, which is a very nice term of office," Nitzani said last night.

Hinting at the tough battles he has had to wage to privatize state-owned firms, Nitzani said, "It is a very hard job to do well with the required energy for too long."

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat asked Nitzani to stay on until the end of April and help him find a successor.

Nitzani, who formerly headed the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, said it is too early for him to think about what he will do after his government stint.

But he noted that "there will be a lot of things that I will be prevented from doing, due to my involvement with many of the largest companies in the country, the largest law firms, accounting firms, and consultancy companies during my term at the Treasury."

Posthumous rank awarded to Shaul Ben-Zvi, navy's first chief

ALON PINKAS

DEFENSE Minister Yitzhak Rabin authorized the posthumous awarding of the rank of major-general to Shaul Ben-Zvi (Paul Shulman), the first commander of the Israeli navy and one of its prominent founders who died last year at 72.

In a ceremony scheduled to take place in the upcoming days, Rabin will award the rank to Rose Shulman, Ben-Zvi's widow.

Ben-Zvi was born into a Zionist family in Connecticut in 1922. He attended the US Naval Academy at Annapolis during World War II, and met David Ben-Gurion while still a cadet.

In 1946 Ben-Zvi retired from the navy and joined the New York operations of the "Mossad for Aliya Bet," the network running illegal immigration to Pales-

tine. Ben-Zvi came to Israel in May of that year, and in October was appointed the navy's chief of staff and later its first commander.

During the War of Independence, Ben-Zvi was made captain, the then-highest rank in the navy. After the war he became Ben-Gurion's adviser on maritime affairs, and in 1950 was appointed special adviser to Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Shamir, the second navy commander. He retained the post with the third commander, Maj.-Gen. Mordechai Limon, who commissioned him as head of the navy's planning department.

In 1951 Ben-Zvi established the National Company for Engineering which dealt with the drying of the Hula lake.

Argentine psychologists here

BATSHEVA TSUR

A GROUP of 25 psychologists who work in Jewish schools in Buenos Aires arrived in Israel last week to study methods of dealing with crisis situations.

The psychologists were invited here by the Education Ministry, which sent a team of its top psy-

chologists to advise the Jewish community last July, following the deadly explosion at the Jewish community headquarters in the Argentine capital.

There are some 50 Jewish schools in Argentina, about half of them in Buenos Aires.

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US fund-raisers set to approve candidate to head Jewish Agency

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the prime minister by the American Jewish elite. They noted, however, that it would appear unseemly for the Americans to reject Rabin's choice.

Burg also has two attributes that fall auspiciously into Americans' comfort zone. He speaks a very good English, and he wears a kipa but is sensitive to religious pluralism, an idea that resonates in the US.

Depending on the outcome,

the committee vote may be seen as a "generational thing," according to one observer. It is not only Burg and Leket who represent different generations. The new chairman of UJA, Richard Pearlstone, is a third-generation Jewish leader. He is the first post-World War II head of the agency, and he sits at the table with some of the most enduring names in American Jewish leadership. The vote may signal a shift in American ideology and priorities based on the age and experience of the new generation.

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The Holy Land Christian Mission is an American charitable organization, dedicated to improving the lives of needy children and poor people around the world. At the end of 1994, we were supporting 20 different projects in 10 countries overseas, benefiting literally hundreds of thousands of children and their families. One of our projects is located in Bethlehem in the West Bank.

Holy Land Christian Mission programs in Bethlehem include a wide range of activities: a children's home and school, aid and assistance to widows, to children and their families in their homes and medical treatment at our Hospital.

The Holy Land Christian Mission has previously announced that, because of the high cost of operating its hospital and because of dwindling donor support for its Bethlehem activities, it was going to have to close its hospital.

However, the Palestinian National Authority has seized our hospital and all our other assets - in addition to taking over the day to day running of our operations in Bethlehem. We are therefore unable to directly provide any further medical care for the patients who were being treated, but we are going to make arrangements for their treatment at other hospitals, despite these difficulties. Arrangements will be made for payment to the parents, for essential follow-up medical treatment, required to finish any procedures currently underway.

It is obviously a very serious matter that the Palestinian National Authority can seize the properties of an American charitable society, merely by signing an administrative order. There has been no due process of law, and no legal process has been followed. There is no basis in law for this kind of action.

The parents of the children will be encouraged to choose the hospitals and doctors that they wish to utilize for such treatment. The Holy Land Christian Mission will be providing funds to pay for essential orthopedic treatments for these patients, assuming that there are no further improper efforts to prevent us from aiding the children.

While for years we have subsidized the Bethlehem operations from other funds and other programs, we cannot continue to do so. We decided to close our hospital, so that we could maintain our other charitable activities at a sustainable level, and continue to benefit thousands of Palestinians, but we do not know what effect this unauthorized and illegal seizure will have on our other programs in the West Bank.

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Due to the seizure of our properties and the appointment of a committee by the Palestinian National Authority to run the daily affairs of our Children's Home and Mount of David Hospital in Bethlehem, the Holy Land Christian Mission is no longer responsible for the children, patients, employees, payroll and bills associated with the operation of the Mount of David Hospital or the Holy Land Christian Mission complex in Bethlehem. Dr. Thiab Ayyoush, Mr. Badral-Qawasani and Ms. Diana Mubarak have assumed full responsibility for the operation of our Hospital and Children's Home, and all requests for service, payment of bills, and any other amounts claimed must be addressed to them.

The Holy Land Christian Mission will not be responsible for any obligations, debts, contracts or liabilities incurred, assumed or created by the Palestinian National Authority or the above-identified individuals or any agents of any of them, regardless of whether they claim to be acting in the name of, or on behalf of, the Holy Land Christian Mission or Mount of David Hospital. The Holy Land Christian Mission has not authorized, and does not approve of, their seizure of its property, and taking over of its operations, and is not responsible for their actions.

FREEZE

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Meretz said it plans to fight for its demand for a total freeze on all construction "just as vigorously as the opposition will fight for its point of view," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said last night.

But though Ben-Eliezer vowed "not to vote for a construction freeze," he stressed that "I will bow down to the majority decision in the cabinet. The value of my dissent will be that my words of warning will be written down. They will appear in the protocols. No one will be able to deny that they weren't said, and then time will tell who was right after all."

The newest recruit to the coalition, the two-member Y'ud faction, also announced that it opposes a freeze on construction in Greater Jerusalem.

Shas is trying to arrange a meeting between Rabin and its mentor, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, after the party served notice that it will not re-enter the coalition if a freeze on construction in settlements surrounding Jerusalem is

imposed. Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told Israel Radio yesterday that he believed massive building in Jerusalem should continue, "even if it means defying the entire world."

He said, however, that though he believed Ma'aleh Adumim and Givat Ze'ev should be made permanently part of Israel, it would be a mistake to build there now.

Meanwhile, Labor MKs Ori Orr, Gedalya Gal, Micha Goldman and Rafi Elul denied strenuously last night that they are joining efforts with the Likud against the government. The four have been meeting with a number of Likud MKs regularly in what has become known as the Kfir Vitkin Circle. Last Friday they met in MK Dan Meridor's Jerusalem home, giving rise to renewed speculation about their intentions.

Gal said they believe "construction in Greater Jerusalem, including the Etzion Bloc, ought to go on. We and other MKs had sent Rabin a letter stating our position, but we will not vote no-confidence in the government."

HUSSEIN

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which would allow natural expansion inside their present boundaries.

Saab Erekat, local authorities minister, told reporters that "Rabin repeated Israel's position and this position was not enough."

However, the immediate effect of the Erez meeting was to turn attention from settlements to prisoners as the committee for determining the criteria for prisoner releases will meet tomorrow. A Fatah leaflet which was

expected to call for further demonstrations following the Rabin-Arafat meeting did not materialize.

Al-Quds noted that Rabin has at least made assurances of a settlement freeze, but noted, "There has been no agreement on the structure and basis of a prisoner release."

About 200 marchers walked from the Red Crescent offices in Al-Bira to the Red Cross office in Ramallah yesterday to call for the release of some 6,000 prisoners. The rally was organized by Fatah.

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